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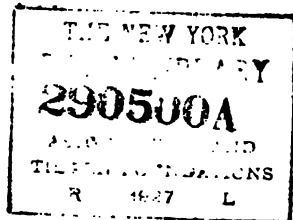
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## P R E F A C E .

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To those who in any way have been made acquainted with the difficulty of securing accurate statistics, it will not be thought strange that the First Annual Register of the American Congregational Union should make its appearance in an imperfect form:—especially when it is known that it was found to be impracticable fully to organize the Society by the choice of officers, until the summer was past; and consequently that this work could not be entered upon until the autumn had far advanced; leaving but little time for the collection and arrangement of the minutes of the State Associations; and rendering it altogether impracticable to secure that information respecting the literary and benevolent institutions of our own land, and the kindred churches and institutions of other countries, which it is designed to furnish in subsequent volumes of the Year-Book.

The partial want of order in the arrangement of the volume must be attributed to the same cause; some of the Reports of State Associations not reaching us until the work had advanced far beyond the place in which they ought to have appeared.. In subsequent volumes of the Year-Book we shall endeavor to present a larger number of engravings—and a complete list of our Literary as well as Theological institutions.

To all the ministers of our denomination,—especially to the Scribes or Registrars of the State and District Associations,—we would most affectionately and earnestly appeal;—since the completeness of our statistics can only be in proportion to the promptness and carefulness of their co-operation. We would suggest the very great desirableness of a *uniform system*. And for

general usefulness that which is adopted by the General Association of Massachusetts is to be commended ;—in which the statistics of the churches are “arranged in the Alphabetical order of the several District Associations ;”—and the churches placed in Alphabetical order in each Association. Care should be taken to give the *address* of those members of association who are without pastoral charge,—which in many Associations is systematically omitted. It will also aid us materially, if two copies of the Minutes are sent to the Secretary of the Union,—one for use in compiling the Year-Book, and the other for preservation in the library.

If, in addition to these carefully corrected Minutes, the Scribe of each District Association would send to the Secretary of the Union by the 1st of Oct. in each year, an account of the changes which have occurred since the printing of the Minutes, we should be able to issue tables so accurate and complete, that it would no longer be impossible to “walk about Zion—to tell the towers thereof—to mark well her bulwarks—to consider her palaces—and to tell to the generation following.”

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Being the 78th year of the Independence of the United States, and the second after Leap Year, by SAMUEL H. WRIGHT, Dundee, Yates County, New York.

#### Eclipses in the Year 1854.

This year there will be two Eclipses of the Sun, and two Eclipses of the Moon.

I. A partial Eclipse of the Moon, May 12, in the morning. Magnitude, 2.87 digits on the southern limb. Invisible on this continent.

II. An annular Eclipse of the Sun, Friday, May 26, in the afternoon. Visible *principally* as a very large partial Eclipse on the Sun's northern limb, throughout North America, except along the Isthmus of Darien, as in the following table:

PRINCIPAL CITIES.	Begin- ning.	Great- est Eclipse.	End.	Duration	Magni- tude.	PRINCIPAL CITIES.	Begin- ning.	Great- est Eclipse.	End.	Duration	Magni- tude.
	h m	h m	h m	h m	Digits.		h m	h m	h m	h m	Digits.
Montreal - - - -	4 10	5 26	6 33	2 23	11.10	Astoria* - - - -	11 24	1 5	2 41	3 17	10.08
Eastport - - - -	4 43	5 56	6 59	2 16	10.75	San Francisco* -	11 27	1 12	2 50	3 23	7.92
Rochester - - - -	3 53	5 10	6 20	2 27	11.07	Richmond - - - -	4 2	5 18	6 26	2 24	9.30
Milwaukee - - - -	3 2	4 26	5 41	2 39	10.25	Nashville - - - -	3 16	4 36	5 49	2 33	8.04
Buffalo - - - - -	3 47	5 5 16	6 16	2 29	10.86	Raleigh - - - - -	3 58	5 13	6 23	2 25	8.77
Albany - - - - -	4 13	5 29	6 36	2 23	11.23	Little Rock - - -	2 48	4 10	5 25	2 37	7.22
Galena - - - - -	2 48	4 13	5 29	2 41	9.81	Huntsville - - - -	3 18	4 37	5 49	2 31	7.60
Detroit - - - - -	3 26	4 47	6 0	2 34	10.27	Augusta - - - - -	3 45	5 2	6 10	2 25	7.73
Boston - - - - -	4 27	5 41	6 46	2 19	11.36	Tuscaloosa - - - -	3 14	4 33	5 45	2 31	7.10
Chicago - - - - -	3 3	4 26	5 41	2 38	9.85	Milledgeville - - -	3 40	4 55	6 5	2 25	7.49
Iowa City - - - -	2 40	4 6	5 24	2 44	9.54	Charleston - - - -	3 58	5 12	6 19	2 21	7.73
New York - - - -	4 15	5 30	6 37	2 22	10.70	Jackson - - - - -	3 3	4 22	5 35	2 32	6.63
Pittsburg - - - -	3 45	5 3 14	6 29	2 29	10.02	Savannah - - - -	3 52	5 6	6 14	2 22	7.43
Harrisburg - - - -	4 1	5 17	6 27	2 26	10.21	Natchez - - - - -	2 58	4 16	5 30	2 32	6.28
Philadelphia - - -	4 9	5 25	6 33	2 24	10.38	Mobile - - - - -	3 17	4 33	5 43	2 26	6.24
Indianapolis - - -	3 14	4 36	5 50	2 36	9.41	Tallahassee - - - -	3 38	4 52	6 0	2 22	6.63
Springfield - - - -	2 54	4 19	5 35	2 41	9.14	Austin - - - - -	2 22	3 42	5 47	2 35	5.39
Columbus - - - - -	3 30	4 50	6 3 2	3 3	9.59	New Orleans - - -	3 10	4 26	5 35	2 25	5.88
Baltimore - - - - -	4 3	5 19	6 28	2 25	9.98	St. Augustine - - -	3 54	5 8	6 13	2 19	6.66
Cincinnati - - - -	3 13	4 44	5 57	2 34	9.28	Havana - - - - -	4 5	5 10	6 6	2 1	4.37
Washington - - - -	4 2	5 18	6 27	2 25	9.79	Mexico - - - - -	2 53	3 42	4 31	1 38	1.53
St. Louis - - - - -	2 56	4 20	5 35	2 39	8.69	Kingston, Jam. - -	4 45	3 39	6 25	1 40	3.18

NOTE. As a solar Eclipse of the magnitude of this rarely occurs, it may be interesting to give it a particular notice. During this Eclipse the apparent diameter of the Moon will be a little less than that of the Sun, and therefore the Sun cannot in any place be entirely or totally eclipsed. This circumstance also will cause a bright ring of light to be formed around the darkened parts of the Sun. This ring will be only about one-third of a digit wide, and will be visible only in the vicinity where the line of central eclipse passes. The eclipse is central in longitude 73° 53' west of Greenwich, latitude 44° 14' north; and in longitude 64° 35' west, latitude 41° 10' north. By finding these positions upon a map, and drawing a line from one to the other, the towns and countries through which the central eclipse passes will be readily discovered. The path of the annular eclipse will be about 100 miles wide, and extend about 50 miles each side the line we have described.

The annular eclipse will move about 100 miles per minute, and will pass through the eastern part of Upper Canada, through the counties of St. Lawrence, Franklin, Clinton, and Essex, and through the northern part of Jefferson, Lewis, Herkimer, Hamilton, Wayne, and Washington, in New York. It will be seen in nearly all of Vermont and New Hampshire; in the north-east corner of Massachusetts, and south-western part of Maine. It will be annular at Kingston, U. C., at Whitehall, Plattsburg, Portland, and within ten or twelve miles north-east of Boston.

The line of central and annular eclipse begins at sunrise in the Pacific Ocean near the Caroline Islands, long. 162° 51' east, lat. 6° 43' north, and passes north-easterly near the

Sandwich Islands, then enters the United States a little north of Astoria in Oregon, and then travelling nearly easterly, passes through Lake Superior; now turning south-easterly, passes south of Bytown in Canada, and thence through the counties we have named, to the Atlantic Ocean in York county, Me., 51 miles north of Portsmouth, N. H. It ends at sunset, in long.  $51^{\circ} 53'$  west, lat.  $36^{\circ} 18'$  north. The partial eclipse first touches the earth at sunrise in lon.  $176^{\circ} 35'$  west, lat.  $1^{\circ} 22'$  south; and ends at sunset north-east of the Bahama Islands, in long.  $73^{\circ} 41'$  west, lat.  $28^{\circ} 29'$  north.

The first time this eclipse ever occurred was in 1313, July 2d; since then it has returned 31 times, including its return this year. It occurred in April, 1800, in May, 1818, and in May, 1836. It will return again in June, 1872. Its last return will be in the year 2593, August 17th. The next solar eclipse that will attract much attention in this country, will be in 1858, March 15th.

III. There will be a very small partial Eclipse of the Moon, Saturday, Nov. 4, in the evening. Visible partly in the eastern section of the New England states. Greatest magnitude 0.64 of a digit. The moon will rise eclipsed at the following places:

Cities.	Moon Rises.	Eclipse Ends.	Duration.	Cities.	Moon Rises.	Eclipse Ends.	Duration.	Cities.	Moon Rises.	Eclipse Ends.	Duration.
Eastport	4 43	5 12	0 28	Portland	4 46	4 58	0 12	Quebec	4 40	4 54	0 14
Augusta	4 45	5 0	0 15	Boston	4 49	4 55	0 6	Montreal	4 42	4 45	0 3

At Eastport, the Moon will rise at the time of greatest eclipse. At New York, the eclipse will end 9 minutes before the moon rises. This eclipse may be seen when the Moon rises in all that part of New England east of the Meridian of Lowell, Massachusetts.

IV. There will be a total Eclipse of the Sun on the 20th of November, invisible in North America. This eclipse is confined mostly to the Indian and Atlantic Oceans. At the Cape of Good Hope it will be 6.97 digits in size.

### Rising and Setting of the Planets.

It should be observed that these are not sensibly affected by the *longitude* of a place. When the hour is less than 6, it is in the evening; when greater than 6, it is in the morning.

DATE.	PLANET.	Boston.	Washing- ton.	Charles- ton.	DATE.	PLANET.	Boston.	Washing- ton.	Charles- ton.
1854		H M	H M	H M	1854		H M	H M	H M
Jan. 1	Venus sets	8 27	8 33	8 41	May 10	Mars sets	1 57	1 52	1 44
" 6	" "	8 33	8 37	8 44	" 20	Jupiter rises	11 26	11 16	11 1
" 11	" "	8 34	8 38	8 43	June 1	Venus rises	2 32	2 35	2 41
" 16	" "	8 35	8 38	8 42	" 10	Mars sets	0 19	0 16	0 12
" 21	Mars rises	8 43	8 47	8 52	" 20	Jupiter rises	9 18	9 8	8 52
" 26	" "	8 21	8 25	8 30	July 13	Mercury sets	8 31	8 25	8 15
Feb. 1	Venus sets	8 15	8 16	8 16	" 20	Mars sets	10 22	10 23	10 24
" 11	" "	7 41	7 40	7 40	Aug. 8	Mercury rises	4 10	4 17	4 28
" 21	" "	6 46	6 46	6 45	" 20	Saturn rises	11 34	11 44	11 59
" 24	Saturn sets	0 27	0 27	0 7	Sept. 1	Mars sets	8 32	8 38	8 46
" 28	Jupiter rises	4 19	4 19	3 53	" 20	Venus rises	9 59	4 3	4 10
Mar. 6	Saturn sets	11 48	11 48	11 28	Oct. 1	Saturn rises	8 55	9 5	9 20
" 14	Mercury sets	7 19	7 19	7 13	" 20	Jupiter sets	10 1	10 12	10 28
" 27	Jupiter rises	2 49	2 49	2 24	Nov. 11	Mercury sets	ev5 17	ev5 28	ev5 44
April 8	Mercury rises	4 47	4 47	4 45	" 27	Mercury rises	5 42	5 35	5 25
" 17	Saturn sets	9 23	9 23	9 1	Dec. 7	Jupiter sets	7 49	7 59	8 15
" 27	Jupiter rises	0 54	0 54	0 29	" 20	Mars sets	6 16	6 27	6 44

### Star Table.

To ascertain when any Star found in this table will be on the meridian, add the numbers opposite in the left hand column of figures to the *preceding* meridian transit of the Pole Star found in the Calendar pages. For the *RISE* of a STAR, *subtract* the number opposite in the right hand column of figures from its meridian passage, found as directed above. For the *SETTING* of a STAR, *add* the same number to its meridian passage. Those marked ..... revolve in a circle of perpetual apparition, and do not rise or set north of the latitude of New York City, for which the semi-diurnal arcs are calculated. It must be remembered that the civil day begins at the preceding midnight, and consequently 24 hours

after midnight, or 12 hours from noon is *morning* of the succeeding day; and 24 hours to 36 hours from noon is *evening* of the next day. This table is arranged in the order of culmination.

NOTE. The column of "Pole Star in Meridian" is designed to be of material service to Surveyors, who by *this* can refer a Theodolite or Compass to the true meridian, provided they have correct time pieces, and those may be regulated by using a noon-mark or meridian line in connection with the column marked "Shadow at the Noon-Mark." When the Pole Star passes the upper meridian in the daytime, its *lower* passage can be found by adding 11 hours 58 minutes, and 2.045 seconds to the time of its preceding upper passage.

Stars.	Constellation.	In Merid.		Rises or Sets.		Stars.	Constellation.	In Merid.		Rises Or Sets.	
		H	M	H	M			H	M	H	M
Almaach, - - -	Andromeda, - - -	0	48	9	18	Phad, - - - -	Big Dipper, - -	10	38		
Alpha, - - - -	Aries, - - - - -	0	52	7	23	Algorab, - - -	The Crow, - - -	11	14	4	36
Mira, - - - - -	The Whale, - - -	1	6	5	47	Alioth, - - - -	Big Dipper, - -	11	39		
Menkar, - - - -	The Whale, - - -	1	48	6	12	Spica, - - - - -	Virgo, - - - - -	12	9	5	23
Algol, - - - - -	Perseus, - - - -	1	52	9	8	Mizar, - - - - -	Big Dipper, - -	12	10		
Algeneb, - - - -	Perseus, - - - -	2	7			Benetnasch, - -	Big Dipper, - -	12	34		
Alcyone, - - - -	7 Stars, - - - - -	2	32	7	28	Arcturus, - - -	Bootes, - - - -	13	1	7	13
Aldebaran, - - -	Taurus, - - - - -	3	21	6	58	Mirac, - - - - -	Bootes, - - - -	13	30	7	46
Capella, - - - -	Auriga, - - - - -	3	59	10	11	Beta, - - - - -	Ursa Minor, - -	13	43		
Rigel, - - - - -	Orion, - - - - -	4	1	5	30	Zubenely, - - -	Libra, - - - - -	14	1	5	28
El Nath, - - - -	Taurus, - - - - -	4	10	7	50	Alphacca, - - -	N. Crown, - - -	14	20	7	44
Mintaka, - - - -	Orion, - - - - -	4	18	5	58	Antares, - - -	Scorpio, - - - -	15	12	4	19
Phaet, - - - - -	The Dove, - - - -	4	28	3	37	Alpha, - - - - -	Hercules, - - -	15	59	6	52
Betelgeuse, - - -	Orion, - - - - -	4	40	6	25	Alpha, - - - - -	Ophiucus, - - -	16	19	6	44
Sirius, - - - - -	Canis Minor, - - -	5	32	5	00	Vega, - - - - -	Lyra, - - - - -	17	23	8	54
Castor, - - - - -	Gemini, - - - - -	6	18	8	9	Beta, - - - - -	Lyra, - - - - -	17	36	8	16
Procyon, - - - -	Canis Minor, - - -	6	24	6	19	Altair, - - - - -	Aquila, - - - - -	18	34	6	30
Pollux, - - - - -	Gemini, - - - - -	6	29	7	50	Deneb, - - - - -	Cygnus, - - - - -	19	27	9	34
Naos, - - - - -	The Ship, - - - - -	6	51	2	58	Fomalhaut, - - -	Southern Fish, -	21	40	4	00
Acubens, - - - -	Cancer, - - - - -	7	43	6	43	Scheat, - - - -	Pegasus, - - - -	21	47	7	44
Alphard, - - - -	Hydra, - - - - -	8	13	5	32	Markab, - - - -	Pegasus, - - - -	21	48	6	50
Regulus, - - - -	Leo, - - - - -	8	53	6	45	Vr. Equinox, - -	Pisces, - - - - -	22	50	5	59
Merak, - - - - -	Big Dipper, - - -	9	45			Algeneb, - - - -	Pegasus, - - - -	22	56	6	49
Dubhe, - - - - -	Big Dipper, - - -	9	47			Schedir, - - - -	Cassiopeia, - -	23	22		
Denebola, - - - -	Leo, - - - - -	10	34	6	53	Mirach, - - - -	Andromeda, - -	23	51	8	26

### Chronological Cycles, &c. 1854.

Dominical Letter, - - - - -	A.	The Year 5615 of the Jewish Era com.	
Lunar Cycle or Golden Number, - - -	12	Sept. 23, - - - - -	1854
Jewish Lunar Cycle, - - - - -	9	The Year 1271 of the Moham. Era com.	
Epact, (Moon's Age, January 1st,) - -	1	Sept. 24, - - - - -	1854
Solar Cycle, - - - - -	15	Year of the World, (Usher,) - - -	5858
Roman Indiction, - - - - -	12	Year of the World, (Jews) - - -	5614
Dionesian Period, - - - - -	183	Year of the World, (Septuagint,) -	7362
Julian Period, - - - - -	6567	Year A. U. C., (Building of Rome,) -	2607
		Year of the Olympiads, - - - - -	2630

### Movable Festivals, &c. 1854.

Year of the Era of Nabonassor, - - -	2603	Low Sunday, - - - - -	April 23
Septuagesima Sunday, - - - - -	Feb. 12	Rogation Sunday, - - - - -	May 21
Quinquagesima Sunday, - - - - -	Feb. 26	Ascension day—Holy Thursday, - -	May 25
Ash Wednesday, or First of Lent, - -	March 1	Whit Sunday—Pentecost, - - - - -	June 4
Quadra. First Sunday in Lent, - - -	March 5	Trinity Sunday, - - - - -	June 11
Mid Lent Sunday, - - - - -	March 26	Corpus Christi, - - - - -	June 15
Palm Sunday, - - - - -	April 9	Middle day of the Year, - - - - -	July 2
Good Friday, - - - - -	April 14	Advent Sunday, - - - - -	Dec. 3
EASTER SUNDAY, - - - - -	April 16		

**Morning Stars, 1854.**

Mercury (☿) until Feb. 8, from March 28 to May 28; from July 30 to Sept. 12; and from Nov. 19 to Jan. 20, 1855.	Mars (♂) until Feb. 26.
Venus (♀) from Feb. 28 to Dec. 13.	Jupiter (♃) until July 15.
	Saturn (♄) from May 26 to Dec. 4.

**Evening Stars, 1854.**

Mercury (☿) from Feb. 8 to March 26; from May 28 to July 30; and from Sept. 12th to Nov. 19.	Mars (♂) from Feb. 26 to April 9, 1855.
Venus (♀) until Feb. 28; and from Dec. 13 to Oct. 1, 1855.	Jupiter (♃) from July 15 to Jan. 29, 1855.
	Saturn (♄) until May 26, and from Dec. 4 to June 10, 1853.

**Characters.**

☉ ☽ Sun; ☾ Moon; ☿ Mercury; ♀ Venus; ⊕ Earth; ♂ Mars; ♃ Jupiter; ♄ Saturn; ♅ Uranus; ☿ same longitude, or near each other; ☐ 90° apart; ♂ opposition, or 180° apart.

**Signs of the Zodiac.**

♈ Aries; ♉ Taurus; ♊ Gemini; ♋ Cancer; ♌ Leo; ♍ Virgo; ♎ Libra; ♏ Scorpio; ♐ Sagittarius; ♑ Capricorn; ♒ Aquarius; ♓ Pisces.

**Aspects and Nodes.**

♌ Conjunction; ♋ Sextile 60 degrees; ☐ Quartile, 90 degrees; ♊ Trine, 120 degrees ♋ Quincunx, 150 degrees; ♂ Opposition, 180 degrees; ♋ Ascending Node; ♌ Descending Node.

N. B.—Persons who work out the Problems in this Almanac, and who send *Solutions*, *post-paid*, to the Calculator, will have the same duly acknowledged in the Almanac for 1855.

**Notes to the Reader.**

The Calendar page in this Almanac is adapted for use in every part of the United States, north of the latitude of Washington. It is based on the fact, that in the same *Latitude*, that is, on a line running due east and west, the Sun and Moon rise and set at the same moment by the clock or almanac, not only throughout the United States, but around the world—the variations being so small as to be of no importance for ordinary purposes. Thus, if on any day the sun rises at Boston at 5 minutes past 6, it rises at 5 minutes past 6 on the same line of latitude westward throughout the states of Massachusetts, New York, Michigan, Iowa, and the territory of Oregon.

Hence, a Calendar adapted to Boston for New England, is equally adapted, as to the rising and setting of the Sun and Moon, for use in Northern New York and Michigan; a Calendar for New York city is adapted for use in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois; and a Calendar for Washington city is adapted for Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri.

The *changes, fulls, and quarters of the Moon*, however, are governed by another principle, and are essentially the same for all places on the same *Longitude*; that is, on any line extending due north and south. Thus, the Moon's phases for Charleston, suit Pittsburgh, etc. Any phasis takes place at the same instant of absolute time; but the local time is earlier at the westward, and later at the eastward, at the rate of *four minutes for each degree of Longitude*; or at the rate of *one minute* for every 12 miles 273 rods in the latitude of Boston, 13 miles 60 rods in the latitude of New York City, 13 miles 143 rods in the latitude of Baltimore, and 14 miles 199 rods in the latitude of Charleston.

**True Time.**

Two kinds of time are used in Almanacs; *clock* or *mean-time*, in some, and *apparent* or *sun-time* in others. *Clock-time* is always *right*, while *sun-time* *varies* every day. People generally suppose it is twelve o'clock when the sun is due south, or at a properly made noon-mark. But this is a mistake. The sun is seldom on the meridian at *twelve o'clock*; indeed this is the case only on four days of the year: namely, April 15, June 15, September 1, and December 24. In this Almanac, as in the Nautical and other best Almanacs,



the time used is *clock-time*. The time when the sun is on the meridian or at the noon-mark, is also given to the nearest second, for every day of each month. This affords a ready means of obtaining correct time and for setting a clock by using a noon-mark.

Old-fashioned Almanacs, which use *apparent time*, give the rising and setting of the sun's centre, and make no allowance for the effect of refraction of the sun's rays by the atmosphere. The more modern and improved Almanacs, which use *clock-time*, give the rising and setting of the sun's *upper limb*, and duly allows for refraction.

### Chronological View of the Year 1854.

The year of the *Vulgar* or *Christian* era, 1854, corresponds with the 1858th from the Birth of Christ; with the latter part of the 78th, and beginning of 79th of the Independence of the United States of America, which was declared Thursday, July 4, 1776; with the close of the 1223d of the Persian Era, which began Tuesday, June 19, N. S. 632 A. D., (the years of this era begin now on the 29th of August;) with the latter part of the 1270th of the Hegira, or Mohammedan Era; with the 1302d of the Armenian Ecclesiastical year; with the 1570th of the Era of Diocletian, or Era of Martyrs; with the 1892d of the Era of the Cæsars, or Spanish Era; with the 1899th of the Julian Era, or since the reformation of the calendar of Numa Pompilius, by Julius Cæsar; with the 2166th of the Grecian Era of the Seleucidæ; with the 2603d of the Babylonish Era of Nabonassar, used by Hipparchus and Ptolemy, [this Era dates from Wednesday, February 18th, N. S., 747, B. C., according to Chronologers, or 746, B. C., according to Astronomers. The year contained 365 days *only*, and have, consequently, now advanced upon the Gregorian year 628 days. The 2603d year begins May 30, 1854;] with the 2607th (according to Varro) of the old Roman Era, A. U. C.; 2630th of the Olympiads, or the latter part of the 1st year, and beginning of the 2d of the 658th Olympiad of 4 years; with the 3869th of the Era of Abraham, used by Eusebius; with the 4202d from the Deluge, according to Usher and the English Bible; with the 4966th of the Cali Yuga, or Hindoo and Indian Era, which dates from the Deluge; with the 4251st of the Chinese, or the 21st of the 71st cycle; with the 5614th of the CREATION OF THE WORLD, according to the Minor Era of the Jews, or the 6213th, according to the Greater Rabbinical Era of the Jews; with the 6082d, according to Eusebius; with the 5798th, according to Sealliger; with the 5858th, according to Usher and the English Bible; with the 7346th, according to the Antiochian and Abyssinian Eras; with the 7356th, according to the Alexandrian Era; with the 7362d, according to the Era of Constantinople, used by the Byzantine historians. The age of the World is involved in great obscurity. There is about one hundred and forty different eras respecting it, some claiming the world to be more than *three millions* of years old. Julius Africanus, following the Septuagint version of the Bible, which is the most *reliable* authority for chronology that is known, makes the Creation to have taken place on the 1st of the Jewish month, Tisri, 5608 years, B. C., or 7362 years ago.

### Duration of the Seasons, etc.

	D.	H.	M.		D.	H.	M.
Sun in Winter Signs . . .	89	1	8	Tropical Year . . . . .	365	5	48
Sun in Spring Signs . . .	92	20	48	Sun North of the Equator . .	186	10	53
Sun in Summer Signs . . .	93	14	5	Sun South of the Equator . .	178	18	55
Sun in Autumnal Signs . .	89	17	47	Difference, . . . . .	7	15	58

### To ascertain the length of the Day and Night.

At any time of the year, add 12 hours to the time of the Sun's setting, and from the sums subtract the time of rising, for the length of the day.

Subtract the time of setting from 12 hours, and to the remainder add the time of rising next morning, for the length of the night.

These rules are equally true for *apparent* time.

### Leap Year.

Leap-years are those that are exactly divisible by 4, and also by 400, and not by 100. The year 1900 therefore will not be a leap-year.

### The Moon.

Every object on the surface of the moon of the height of one hundred feet, is distinctly seen through Lord Rosse's telescope. On its surface are craters of extinct volcanoes, rocks, and masses of stone almost innumerable. But there are no signs of habitations such as ours, no vestige of architectural remains, to show that the Moon is or ever was inhabited by a race of mortals similar to ourselves. No water is visible, no sea, no river; all seems desolate.

Table of the Solar System.

NAMES.	Mean Diameter in English Miles.	Mean Distance from the Sun in miles.	Mean Distance from the sun, the distance of the earth being unit.	Period of revolution round the sun in days.	When discovered.	By whom discovered.	Where discovered.
The Sun.....	883,240						
Mercury.....	3,224	37,000,000	0.387098	87			
Venus.....	7,687	68,000,000	0.723333	224			
The Earth.....	7,912	95,000,000	1.000000	365			
Mars.....	4,189	142,000,000	1.523692	686			
Flora.....		209,100,265	2.207687	1,150	Oct. 18, 1847	Hind.....	London.
Clio.....		221,813,220	2.234876	1,303	Sept. 13, 1850	"	"
Vesta.....		224,302,695	2.361081	1,320	March 29, 1807	Olbers.....	Bremen.
Iris.....		226,159,280	2.380024	1,341	Aug. 13, 1847	Hind.....	London.
Metis.....		226,632,665	2.385607	1,346	April 26, 1848	Graham.....	Markree.
Eunomia.....		227,946,800	2.399440	1,357	July 29, 1851	Gasparis.....	Naples.
Psyche.....					March 17, 1852	Gasparis.....	Naples.
Thetis.....					April 17, 1852	Luther.....	Bilk Ger.
Melpomene.....					June 24, 1852	Hind.....	London.
Fortuna.....					Aug. 22, 1852	Hind.....	London.
Maesia.....					Sept. 21, 1852	Chareonac.....	Marselles.
Lutetia.....					Nov. 15, 1852	Goldschmidt.....	Paris.
Calliope.....					Nov. 16, 1852	Hind.....	London.
Thalia.....							
Hebe.....		230,449,070	2.425786	1,379	July 1, 1847	Hencke.....	Driesen.
Parthen'pe.....		232,829,135	2.450833	1,401	May 13, 1850	Gasparis.....	Naples.
Irene.....		242,468,785	2.552308	1,518	May 20, 1850	Hind.....	London.
Egeria.....		243,206,050	2.560070	1,492	Nov. 2, 1850	Gasparis.....	Naples.
Astræa.....		244,818,565	2.577047	1,511	Dec. 8, 1845	Hencke.....	Driesen.
Juno.....		253,728,615	2.670837	1,594	Sept. 1, 1804	Hartling.....	Lilienthal.
Ceres.....		262,964,845	2.768051	1,682	Jan. 1, 1801	Piazzi.....	Palermo.
Pallas.....		263,421,510	2.772856	1,686	March 28, 1802	Olbert.....	Bremen.
Hygeia.....		299,255,700	3.150066	2,042	April 12, 1848	Gasparis.....	Naples.
Jupiter.....	89,170	485,000,000	5.202776	4,332			
Saturn.....	79,042	890,000,000	9.538786	10,756			
Uranus.....	35,112	1,800,000,000	19.182396	30,686	March 13, 1781	Herschel.....	Slough.
Neptune.....	35,000	3,600,000,000	30.036806	90,129	Sept. 23, 1846	Galle.....	Berlin.

## Equinoxes and Solstices for 1854.

EQUINOXES AND SOLSTICES.	London.	Boston.	Washington.	Cincinnati.	San Francisco.
	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.	D. H. M.
Vernal Equinox - - March	20 10 20 e.	20 5 36 e.	20 5 12 e.	20 4 42 e.	20 2 12 ev.
Summer Solstice - - June	21 7 8 e.	21 2 24 e.	21 2 0 e.	21 1 30 e.	21 11 0 mo.
Autumnal Equinox Sept.	23 9 13 m.	23 4 29 m.	23 4 5 m.	23 3 35 m.	23 1 5 mo.
Winter Solstice - - Dec.	22 3 0 m.	21 10 16 m.	21 9 52 e.	21 9 22 e.	21 6 52 ev.

## Visibility of Mercury.

The most favorable time for seeing Mercury this year, will be early in the evening near the 14th March, 13th July, and 11th November; and early in the morning near April 8th, August 8th, and November 27th.

## Predictions of the Weather.

**INFLUENCE OF THE MOON.**—Dr. Olbers, the distinguished Astronomer of Germany, was led to the following conclusion by an examination founded on *careful meteorological observations for fifty years* in different countries: "I believe," he says, "that I have demonstrated, that the influence of the Moon upon the weather is so small that it is *totally lost* amid the great variety of other forces and causes which change the state of our atmosphere;" and that "its pretended influence on men, animals, or plants, is *all of it* due to illusion and prejudice." No Astronomer can by any means foretell what will be the state of the weather on any future day; and it is time that the community should be no longer imposed upon by pretences to predict the weather, or by the ridiculous superstition that there is any influence of the signs of the Zodiac upon the parts of the body of man or animals.

### The Milky-Way.

The number of telescopic stars in the Milky-way is estimated at eighteen millions. In order, I will not say to realize the greatness of this number, but, at any rate, to compare it with something analogous, I will call attention to the fact, that there are not in the whole heavens more than about eight thousand stars visible to the naked eye.—*Humboldt*.

### Saturn's Rings

Will be in a position favorable for visibility the whole of this year with a telescope of moderate power. A third ring has been discovered recently.

It is said that important discoveries, with reference to this planet, have lately been made by the new monster telescope of Rev. Mr. Craig, and that *the rings* are but arches of the most perfect geometrical formation.

### Apogee and Perigee of the Sun.

Sun's Perigee, January 1st,	} distant from the Earth, - - - -	{ 93,577,000 } English
Sun's Perigee, July 1st,		

When it is noon at London, it is 6h. 52m. in the morning at Washington, and when it is noon at Washington, it is 5h. 8m. in the evening at London.

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FIRST MONTH.

MOON'S PHASES.		Boston.		New-York.		Baltimore.		Pittsburg.		Cincinnati.		S. Francisco.	
	D	H	M	H	M	H	M	H	M	H	M	H	M
☉ FIRST QUARTER . . .	5	11	3 e	10	51 e	10	40 e	10	27 e	10	9 e	7	37 e
☾ FULL MOON . . .	14	4	27 m	4	15 m	4	4 m	3	51 m	3	33 m	1	2 m
☾ LAST QUARTER . . .	21	8	39 e	8	27 e	8	16 e	8	3 e	7	45 e	5	13 e
☾ NEW MOON . . .	28	0	28 e	0	16 e	0	5 e	11	52 m	11	34 m	9	2 m

Prob. 1. Given the Sun's distance, 95,000,000 miles, and its diameter, 883,000 miles, and the diameter of the earth, 7912 miles, to find how much more than half the earth's surface the sun can shine on at once.

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D.	Days of the Week.	Shadow at Noon Mark.			Pole Star to Meridian Evening.	Moon's Sign.	Rises.			Sets.			Rises.			Sets.			Rises.			Sets.		
		H	M	S			H	M	S	H	M	S	H	M	S	H	M	S	H	M	S	H	M	S
1	S	12	3	57	6 20 57	V	15	7	30	4 38	7 30	7 25	4 43	7 43	7 19	4 49	7 48							
2	M	12	4	25	6 17 01	30	30	7	30	4 39	8 54	7 25	4 44	8 57	7 19	4 50	9 0							
3	T	12	4	53	6 13 04	13	13	7	30	4 40	10 4	7 25	4 45	10 6	7 19	4 51	10 7							
4	W	12	5	21	6 09 07	27	27	7	30	4 41	11 11	7 25	4 46	11 12	7 19	4 52	11 13							
5	T	12	5	48	6 05 10	10	10	7	30	4 42	morn	7 25	4 47	morn	7 19	4 52	morn							
6	F	12	6	14	6 01 14	22	22	7	25	4 43	0 16	7 25	4 48	0 16	7 19	4 53	0 15							
7	S	12	6	40	5 57 17	05	05	7	25	4 44	1 18	7 25	4 49	1 17	7 19	4 54	1 15							
8	S	12	7	6	5 53 20	17	17	7	25	4 45	2 20	7 24	4 50	2 17	7 19	4 55	2 14							
9	M	12	7	31	5 49 23	29	29	7	25	4 46	3 22	7 24	4 51	3 19	7 19	4 56	3 14							
10	T	12	7	55	5 45 27	10	10	7	25	4 47	4 23	7 24	4 52	4 18	7 19	4 57	4 13							
11	W	12	8	19	5 41 30	22	22	7	25	4 48	5 24	7 24	4 53	5 19	7 19	4 58	5 13							
12	T	12	8	42	5 37 53	04	04	7	25	4 50	6 20	7 23	4 54	6 14	7 18	4 59	6 8							
13	F	12	9	5	5 33 36	16	16	7	25	4 51	rises	7 23	4 55	rises	7 18	5 0	rises							
14	S	12	9	27	5 29 39	28	28	7	25	4 52	5 3	7 23	4 56	5 9	7 18	5 1	5 15							
15	S	12	9	48	5 25 43	10	10	7	27	4 53	6 7	7 22	4 57	6 11	7 18	5 2	6 16							
16	M	12	10	8	5 21 46	22	22	7	27	4 54	7 12	7 22	4 59	7 15	7 17	5 3	7 19							
17	T	12	10	28	5 17 49	05	05	7	26	4 55	8 16	7 21	5 0	8 19	7 17	5 5	8 21							
18	W	12	10	47	5 13 52	18	18	7	26	4 56	9 22	7 21	5 1	9 23	7 16	5 6	9 25							
19	T	12	11	6	5 09 56	00	00	7	25	4 58	10 27	7 21	5 2	10 27	7 16	5 7	10 27							
20	F	12	11	24	5 05 59	14	14	7	24	4 59	11 34	7 20	5 3	11 34	7 15	5 8	11 33							
21	S	12	11	41	5 02 02	27	27	7	24	5 0	morn	7 19	5 4	morn	7 15	5 9	morn							
22	S	12	11	57	4 58 05	11	11	7	23	5 1	0 43	7 19	5 5	0 41	7 14	5 10	0 39							
23	M	12	12	13	4 54 09	25	25	7	22	5 3	1 57	7 18	5 7	1 54	7 14	5 11	1 50							
24	T	12	12	27	4 50 12	09	09	7	22	5 4	3 12	7 17	5 8	3 6	7 13	5 12	3 3							
25	W	12	12	41	4 46 15	24	24	7	21	5 5	4 28	7 17	5 9	4 23	7 12	5 13	4 17							
26	T	12	12	54	4 42 18	09	09	7	20	5 6	5 40	7 16	5 10	5 34	7 12	5 15	5 27							
27	F	12	13	7	4 38 22	23	23	7	19	5 8	6 43	7 15	5 11	6 37	7 11	5 16	6 30							
28	S	12	13	18	4 34 25	08	08	7	18	5 9	sets	7 14	5 13	sets	7 10	5 17	sets							
29	S	12	13	29	4 30 28	23	23	7	17	5 10	6 26	7 13	5 14	6 30	7 9	5 18	6 33							
30	M	12	13	39	4 26 31	07	07	7	16	5 12	7 42	7 12	5 15	7 44	7 8	5 19	7 46							
31	T	12	13	48	4 22 35	21	21	7	15	5 13	8 52	7 12	5 16	8 53	7 8	5 20	8 55							

DM.	PHENOMENA, ETC.	DM.	PHENOMENA, ETC.	DM.	PHENOMENA, ETC.
1	1st S. after Christ.	11	Moon Apogee.	21	Mars South 3 8 mo.
2	2 South 4 27 mo.	12	Moon farthest North.	22	Juno Stationary.
3	Venus South 3 14 evs.	13	The Lexington, 1840.	23	Saturn South 7 20 ev.
4	Venus in $\alpha$ .	14	Full Moon 14th.	24	Venus Brightest.
5	Moon on equator.	15	Mercury near Jupiter.	25	Con. St. Paul.
6	Epiphany.	16	Uranus Stationary.	26	Moon farthest s. & 24
7	Venus bright. ☉ & ☿	17	Franklin born 1706.	27	Mercury near Moon.
8	Jupiter invisible.	18	Mars near ☉. & Stat.	28	Uranus 90° from Sun.
9	Saturn near moon.	19	Venus South 2 53 ev.	29	4th S. aft. Epiphany.
10	Venus South 3 7 ev.	20	Sun enters ♊.	30	Venus near Moon.

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SECOND MONTH.

MOON'S PHASES.	Boston.	New-York.	Baltimore.	Pittsburg.	Cincinnati.	S. Francisco
☾ FIRST QUARTER . . .	4 5 53 e	5 41 e	5 30 e	5 17 e	4 59 e	2 27 e
☾ FULL MOON . . .	12 10 13 e	10 1 e	9 50 e	9 37 e	9 19 e	6 47 e
☾ LAST QUARTER . . .	20 6 0 m	5 48 m	5 37 m	5 24 m	5 6 m	2 34 m
☾ NEW MOON . . .	26 11 55 e	11 43 e	11 32 e	11 19 e	11 1 e	8 29 e

Prob. 2 How many globes, each two inches in diameter, can be placed upon a globe two feet in diameter?

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Days of the Week	Shadow at Noon Mark	True Star in Meridian Evening.	Moon's Sign.	☾	☽	☿	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀	♂	♀
1 W	12 13 56	4 18 38	☾	5	7 14 5 14	10 0	7 11 5 18	10 0	7 7 5 21	10 0	7 7 5 21	10 0	7 7 5 21	10 0	7 7 5 21	10 0	7 7 5 21	10 0
2 T	12 14 4	4 14 41	☾	18	7 13 5 15	11 5	7 10 5 19	11 4	7 6 5 23	11 3	7 6 5 23	11 3	7 6 5 23	11 3	7 6 5 23	11 3	7 6 5 23	11 3
3 F	12 14 10	4 10 45	☾	1	7 12 5 17	morn	7 9 5 20	morn	7 5 5 24	morn	7 5 5 24	morn	7 5 5 24	morn	7 5 5 24	morn	7 5 5 24	morn
4 S	12 14 16	4 6 48	☾	13	7 11 5 18	0 10	7 7 5 21	0 7	7 4 5 25	0 5	7 4 5 25	0 5	7 4 5 25	0 5	7 4 5 25	0 5	7 4 5 25	0 5
5 S	12 14 21	4 2 51	☾	25	7 10 5 19	1 11	7 6 5 22	1 7	7 3 5 26	1 4	7 3 5 26	1 4	7 3 5 26	1 4	7 3 5 26	1 4	7 3 5 26	1 4
6 M	12 14 25	3 58 35	☾	7	7 9 5 21	2 14	7 5 5 23	2 9	7 2 5 27	2 5	7 2 5 27	2 5	7 2 5 27	2 5	7 2 5 27	2 5	7 2 5 27	2 5
7 T	12 14 28	3 54 58	☾	19	7 8 5 22	3 15	7 4 5 25	3 10	7 1 5 28	3 4	7 1 5 28	3 4	7 1 5 28	3 4	7 1 5 28	3 4	7 1 5 28	3 4
8 W	12 14 30	3 51 1	☾	1	7 6 5 23	4 14	7 3 5 26	4 8	7 0 5 29	4 1	7 0 5 29	4 1	7 0 5 29	4 1	7 0 5 29	4 1	7 0 5 29	4 1
9 T	12 14 32	3 47 5	☾	12	7 5 5 24	5 11	7 2 5 27	5 4	6 59 5 30	4 58	6 59 5 30	4 58	6 59 5 30	4 58	6 59 5 30	4 58	6 59 5 30	4 58
10 F	12 14 33	3 43 8	☾	24	7 4 5 25	5 55	7 1 5 28	5 48	6 58 5 32	5 42	6 58 5 32	5 42	6 58 5 32	5 42	6 58 5 32	5 42	6 58 5 32	5 42
11 S	12 14 33	3 39 11	☾	7	7 2 5 26	6 37	7 0 5 30	6 32	6 57 5 33	6 26	6 57 5 33	6 26	6 57 5 33	6 26	6 57 5 33	6 26	6 57 5 33	6 26
12 S	12 14 32	3 35 15	☾	19	7 1 5 28	rises	6 58 5 31	rises	6 55 5 34	rises	6 55 5 34	rises	6 55 5 34	rises	6 55 5 34	rises	6 55 5 34	rises
13 M	12 14 30	3 31 18	☾	2	7 0 5 29	6 8	6 57 5 32	6 11	6 54 5 35	6 14	6 54 5 35	6 14	6 54 5 35	6 14	6 54 5 35	6 14	6 54 5 35	6 14
14 T	12 14 28	3 27 21	☾	14	6 59 5 30	7 13	6 56 5 34	7 15	6 53 5 36	7 17	6 53 5 36	7 17	6 53 5 36	7 17	6 53 5 36	7 17	6 53 5 36	7 17
15 W	12 14 25	3 23 25	☾	27	6 57 5 32	8 20	6 55 5 35	8 21	6 52 5 38	8 22	6 52 5 38	8 22	6 52 5 38	8 22	6 52 5 38	8 22	6 52 5 38	8 22
16 T	12 14 21	3 19 28	☾	11	6 56 5 33	9 27	6 53 5 36	9 27	6 51 5 39	9 26	6 51 5 39	9 26	6 51 5 39	9 26	6 51 5 39	9 26	6 51 5 39	9 26
17 F	12 14 17	3 15 32	☾	24	6 54 5 35	10 36	6 52 5 37	10 34	6 49 5 40	10 32	6 49 5 40	10 32	6 49 5 40	10 32	6 49 5 40	10 32	6 49 5 40	10 32
18 S	12 14 12	3 11 35	☾	8	6 53 5 37	11 47	6 51 5 39	11 44	6 48 5 41	11 41	6 48 5 41	11 41	6 48 5 41	11 41	6 48 5 41	11 41	6 48 5 41	11 41
19 S	12 14 6	3 7 38	☾	21	6 52 5 38	morn	6 49 5 40	morn	6 47 5 42	morn	6 47 5 42	morn	6 47 5 42	morn	6 47 5 42	morn	6 47 5 42	morn
20 M	12 14 0	3 3 42	☾	5	6 50 5 39	1 0	6 48 5 41	0 55	6 46 5 44	0 51	6 46 5 44	0 51	6 46 5 44	0 51	6 46 5 44	0 51	6 46 5 44	0 51
21 T	12 13 53	2 59 45	☾	19	6 48 5 40	2 14	6 46 5 43	2 8	6 44 5 45	2 3	6 44 5 45	2 3	6 44 5 45	2 3	6 44 5 45	2 3	6 44 5 45	2 3
22 W	12 13 45	2 55 49	☾	4	6 47 5 42	3 26	6 45 5 44	3 20	6 43 5 46	3 13	6 43 5 46	3 13	6 43 5 46	3 13	6 43 5 46	3 13	6 43 5 46	3 13
23 T	12 13 37	2 51 52	☾	18	6 45 5 43	4 31	6 44 5 45	4 25	6 42 5 47	4 18	6 42 5 47	4 18	6 42 5 47	4 18	6 42 5 47	4 18	6 42 5 47	4 18
24 F	12 13 28	2 47 56	☾	3	6 44 5 45	5 26	6 42 5 46	5 20	6 40 5 48	5 14	6 40 5 48	5 14	6 40 5 48	5 14	6 40 5 48	5 14	6 40 5 48	5 14
25 S	12 13 18	2 43 59	☾	17	6 42 5 46	6 11	6 41 5 48	6 0	6 38 5 49	6 1	6 38 5 49	6 1	6 38 5 49	6 1	6 38 5 49	6 1	6 38 5 49	6 1
26 S	12 13 8	2 40 3	☾	1	6 41 5 47	sets	6 39 5 49	sets	6 37 5 51	sets	6 37 5 51	sets	6 37 5 51	sets	6 37 5 51	sets	6 37 5 51	sets
27 M	12 13 58	2 36 6	☾	16	6 39 5 49	6 29	6 38 5 50	6 31	6 36 5 52	6 33	6 36 5 52	6 33	6 36 5 52	6 33	6 36 5 52	6 33	6 36 5 52	6 33
28 T	12 12 46	2 32 10	☾	29	6 38 5 50	7 40	6 37 5 51	7 40	6 34 5 53	7 41	6 34 5 53	7 41	6 34 5 53	7 41	6 34 5 53	7 41	6 34 5 53	7 41

VISIBILITY OF MERCURY. The most favorable time for seeing Mercury this year will be early in evenings, near March 14th, July 15th, and November 11th. Also, early in mornings near April 8th, August 8th, and November 17th. S. H. WRIGHT.

DN	PHENOMENA, ETC.	DN	PHENOMENA, ETC.	DN	PHENOMENA, ETC.
1	Jupiter in ♋	11	Venus South 1 38 ev.	21	Venus South 0 43 ev.
2	Moon on Equator.	12	Full Moon 12th.	22	Moon farthest South.
3	Venus South 2 12 ev.	13	David Young d. 1852.	23	♂ d. ♀. Perigee ♀.
4	Uranus d. ♀ 4th.	14	♂ d. ♀. (13th) ♀ ☐ ☐.	24	St. Matthias.
5	♂ Stat. ♀ d. ♀.	15	Mars South 1 22 mo.	25	Mars South 0 29 mo.
6	Mars South 2 8 mo	16	Moon on Equator.	26	♂ d. ♀. ♀ d. ♀.
7	Moon Apocæ.	17	Mars in Leo.	27	♂ d. ♀. ♀ Brightest.
8	Mercury Sup. d. Sun.	18	Sun enters ♋	28	Venus Inf. d. Sun.
9	Moon farthest North.	19	Venus near Mercury.		
10	Jupiter very pale.	20	Saturn South 5 33 ev.		

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MARCH.

THIRD MONTH.

MOON'S PHASES.		Boston.		New-York.		Baltimore.		Pittsburg.		Cincinnati.		S. Francisco.	
		D.	H. M.	D.	H. M.	D.	H. M.	D.	H. M.	D.	H. M.	D.	H. M.
☾ FIRST QUARTER . . .	6	2 25 e		2 13 e		2 1 e		1 49 e		1 31 e		10 59 m	
☾ FULL MOON . . . . .	14	1 9 e		0 57 e		0 46 e		0 33 e		0 15 e		9 43 m	
☾ LAST QUARTER . . . .	21	1 18 e		1 6 e		0 55 e		0 42 e		0 24 e		9 52 m	
☾ NEW MOON . . . . .	28	0 7 e		11 55 m		11 44 m		11 21 m		11 13 m		8 41 m	

Prob. 3. There is a globe of wood 20 inches in diameter; its specific gravity is 7-10ths of water. What part of its diameter will be under when floating in water?

Ques. What is the 50th root of 50?

BOSTON  
ROCHESTER  
DETROIT  
MILWAUKIE

NEW-YORK  
PHILADEL'A  
PITTSBURG  
INDIANAP'S.

BALTIMORE  
CINCINNATI  
ST. LOUIS  
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D.	Days of the Week.	Shadow at Noon. Mark. Evening.	Pole star in Meridian. Evening.	Moon's Sign.	Rises.			Sets.			Rises.			Sets.		
					H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.
1	W	12 12 35	2 28 13	♈	6 36	5 51	8 47	6 35	5 53	8 46	6 33	5 54	8 46	6 33	5 54	8 46
2	T	12 12 35	2 24 17	♈	6 35	5 52	9 53	6 34	5 53	9 51	6 32	5 55	9 49	6 32	5 55	9 49
3	F	12 12 10	2 20 21	♈	6 33	5 53	10 58	6 32	5 54	10 55	6 30	5 56	10 51	6 30	5 56	10 51
4	S	12 11 57	2 16 24	♈	6 31	5 54	morn	6 30	5 55	11 57	6 29	5 57	11 53	6 29	5 57	11 53
5	S	12 11 43	2 12 28	♈	6 30	5 55	0 1	6 29	5 56	morn	6 27	5 57	morn	6 27	5 57	morn
6	M	12 11 29	2 8 31	♈	6 28	5 56	1 4	6 27	5 57	0 59	6 26	5 58	0 54	6 26	5 58	0 54
7	T	12 11 14	2 4 35	♈	6 26	5 57	2 4	6 25	5 57	1 58	6 24	5 59	1 52	6 24	5 59	1 52
8	W	12 10 59	2 0 39	♈	6 25	5 58	3 11	6 24	5 59	3 4	6 23	6 0	2 48	6 23	6 0	2 48
9	T	12 10 44	1 56 42	♈	6 23	5 59	3 50	6 22	6 0	3 44	6 21	6 1	3 37	6 21	6 1	3 37
10	F	12 10 28	1 52 46	♈	6 21	6 0	4 34	6 20	6 1	4 28	6 20	6 2	4 22	6 20	6 2	4 22
11	S	12 10 12	1 48 50	♈	6 20	6 2	5 12	6 19	6 2	5 7	6 18	6 3	5 2	6 18	6 3	5 2
12	S	12 9 56	1 44 53	♈	6 18	6 3	5 44	6 17	6 3	5 39	6 17	6 4	5 35	6 17	6 4	5 35
13	M	12 9 39	1 40 57	♈	6 16	6 4	6 11	6 16	6 4	6 8	6 15	6 5	6 5	6 15	6 5	6 5
14	T	12 9 22	1 37 1	♈	6 14	6 5	rises	6 14	6 5	rises	6 13	6	rises	6 13	6	rises
15	W	12 9 5	1 33 5	♈	6 13	6 6	7 16	6 12	6 7	7 16	6 12	6 7	7 16	6 12	6 7	7 16
16	T	12 8 48	1 29 8	♈	6 11	6 7	8 26	6 11	6 8	8 24	6 10	6 8	8 23	6 10	6 8	8 23
17	F	12 8 30	1 25 12	♈	6 9	6 9	9 38	6 9	6 9	9 35	6 9	6 9	9 32	6 9	6 9	9 32
18	S	12 8 12	1 21 16	♈	6 7	6 10	10 51	6 7	6 10	10 47	6 7	6 10	10 43	6 7	6 10	10 43
19	S	12 7 54	1 17 20	♈	6 6	6 11	morn	6 6	6 11	12 0	6 6	6 11	11 55	6 6	6 11	11 55
20	M	12 7 36	1 13 24	♈	6 4	6 12	0 5	6 4	6 12	morn	6 4	6 12	morn	6 4	6 12	morn
21	T	12 7 18	1 9 27	♈	6 2	6 13	1 18	6 2	6 13	1 12	6 2	6 13	1 6	6 2	6 13	1 6
22	W	12 7 0	1 5 31	♈	6 0	6 14	2 24	6 0	6 14	2 18	6 0	6 14	2 11	6 0	6 14	2 11
23	T	12 6 42	1 1 35	♈	5 59	6 15	3 23	5 59	6 15	3 17	5 59	6 15	3 10	5 59	6 15	3 10
24	F	12 6 23	0 57 39	♈	5 57	6 17	4 9	5 58	6 16	4 3	5 58	6 16	3 58	5 58	6 16	3 58
25	S	12 6 5	0 53 43	♈	5 55	6 18	4 46	5 56	6 17	4 42	5 56	6 17	4 38	5 56	6 17	4 38
26	S	12 5 46	0 49 47	♈	5 53	6 19	5 17	5 54	6 18	5 15	5 54	6 18	5 11	5 54	6 18	5 11
27	M	12 5 28	0 45 51	♈	5 52	6 20	5 44	5 52	6 19	5 42	5 53	6 19	5 40	5 53	6 19	5 40
28	T	12 5 9	0 41 55	♈	5 50	6 21	sets	5 51	6 20	sets	5 51	6 19	sets	5 51	6 19	sets
29	W	12 4 51	0 37 59	♈	5 48	6 22	7 36	5 49	6 21	7 34	5 50	6 20	7 33	5 50	6 20	7 33
30	T	12 4 33	0 34 3	♈	5 46	6 23	8 41	5 47	6 22	8 38	5 48	6 21	8 36	5 48	6 21	8 36
31	F	12 4 14	0 30 7	♈	5 45	6 24	9 46	5 46	6 23	9 43	5 47	6 22	9 38	5 47	6 22	9 38

PHENOMENA, ETC.		PHENOMENA, ETC.		PHENOMENA, ETC.	
1	Ash Wednesday.	11	Venus So. 10 54 mo.	21	Moon Perigee. 421st.
2	Moon on Equator.	12	Mars near Moon.	22	Moon farthest South.
3	Venus Invisible.	13	Mercury Stationary.	23	☿ ☿ ☿ Inf. ☿ ☿.
4	Ierschel near Moon.	14	Full Moon 14th.	24	Venus South 101 mo.
5	1st Sunday in Lent.	15	Moon on Equator.	25	Venus near Moon.
6	6th. ☿ Gr. Elonga.	16	Venus 3° in Aquarius.	26	Mid Lent Sunday.
7	Moon Apogee.	17	St. Patrick.	27	Mercury near Moon.
8	Moon farthest North.	18	Venus South 10 22 mo.	28	☿ on Equator. 25th.
9		19	Venus Stationary.	29	Mars South 9 40 eve.
10	Mars South 11 14 eve.	20	Earth enters ♈.	30	Venus South 9 4 eve.

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APRIL.

FOURTH MONTH.

MOON'S PHASES.	Boston.	New-York.	Baltimore.	Pittsburg.	Cincinnati.	S. Fran.
	D	H M	H M	H M	H M	D H M
☾ FIRST QUARTER . . .	5	10 38 m	10 26 m	10 15 m	10 2 m	9 44 m 5 7 12 m
☾ FULL MOON . . . .	13	1 13 m	1 1 m	0 50 m	0 37 m	0 19 m 12 9 47 e
☾ LAST QUARTER . . .	19	7 30 e	7 18 e	7 7 e	6 54 e	6 36 e 19 4 4 e
☾ NEW MOON . . . .	27	1 30 m	1 18 m	1 7 m	0 54 m	0 36 m 26 10 4 e

PROB. 4. A bullet was discharged into the air at an angle of 40° and struck in 16 seconds. With what velocity was it discharged, how high did it go, and how far off did it strike?

D.	Days of the Week	Shadow at Noon Mark Evening.	Pole Star in Meridian Evening.	Moon's Sign.	☉			☽			☿			♂			♂		
					RISES	SETS.	SETS.	RISES	SETS.	SETS.	RISES	SETS.	SETS.	RISES	SETS.	SETS.	RISES	SETS.	SETS.
1	S	12 3 56	0 26 11	♈	5 43 6 25	10 50	5 44 6 24	10 46	5 46 6 23	10 41	5 44 6 24	10 46	5 46 6 23	10 41	5 44 6 24	10 46	5 46 6 23	10 41	
2	S	12 3 38	0 22 15	♈	5 41 6 27	11 53	5 42 6 26	11 47	5 44 6 24	11 41	5 42 6 26	11 47	5 44 6 24	11 41	5 42 6 26	11 47	5 44 6 24	11 41	
3	M	12 3 20	0 18 19	♈	5 40 6 28	morn	5 41 6 27	morn	5 42 6 25	morn	5 40 6 28	morn	5 41 6 27	morn	5 42 6 25	morn	5 40 6 28	morn	
4	T	12 3 2	0 14 23	♈	5 38 6 29	0 50	5 39 6 28	0 44	5 40 6 26	0 38	5 38 6 29	0 50	5 39 6 28	0 44	5 40 6 26	0 38	5 38 6 29	0 50	
5	W	12 2 44	0 10 27	♈	5 36 6 30	1 43	5 37 6 29	1 37	5 39 6 27	1 30	5 36 6 30	1 43	5 37 6 29	1 37	5 39 6 27	1 30	5 36 6 30	1 43	
6	T	12 2 27	0 6 31	♈	5 35 6 31	2 30	5 36 6 30	2 24	5 37 6 28	2 18	5 35 6 31	2 30	5 36 6 30	2 24	5 37 6 28	2 18	5 35 6 31	2 30	
7	F	12 2 10	0 2 35	♈	5 33 6 32	3 10	5 34 6 31	3 5	5 36 6 29	2 59	5 33 6 32	3 10	5 34 6 31	3 5	5 36 6 29	2 59	5 33 6 32	3 10	
8	S	12 1 52	morn.	♈	5 31 6 33	3 43	5 32 6 32	3 38	5 34 6 30	3 34	5 31 6 33	3 43	5 32 6 32	3 38	5 34 6 30	3 34	5 31 6 33	3 43	
9	S	12 1 36	11 54 44	♈	5 30 6 34	4 9	5 31 6 33	4 6	5 33 6 31	4 2	5 30 6 34	4 9	5 31 6 33	4 6	5 33 6 31	4 2	5 30 6 34	4 9	
10	M	12 1 19	11 50 48	♈	5 28 6 36	4 37	5 30 6 34	4 35	5 31 6 32	4 33	5 28 6 36	4 37	5 30 6 34	4 35	5 31 6 32	4 33	5 28 6 36	4 37	
11	T	12 1 2	11 46 52	♈	5 26 6 37	5 2	5 28 6 35	5 1	5 30 6 33	5 0	5 26 6 37	5 2	5 28 6 35	5 1	5 30 6 33	5 0	5 26 6 37	5 2	
12	W	12 0 46	11 42 56	♈	5 25 6 38	rises	5 26 6 36	rises	5 28 6 34	rises	5 25 6 38	rises	5 26 6 36	rises	5 28 6 34	rises	5 25 6 38	rises	
13	T	12 0 31	11 39 0	♈	5 23 6 39	7 19	5 25 6 37	7 17	5 27 6 35	7 15	5 23 6 39	7 19	5 25 6 37	7 17	5 27 6 35	7 15	5 23 6 39	7 19	
14	F	12 0 15	11 35 5	♈	5 21 6 40	8 35	5 23 6 38	8 32	5 25 6 36	8 28	5 21 6 40	8 35	5 23 6 38	8 32	5 25 6 36	8 28	5 21 6 40	8 35	
15	S	morn.	11 31 9	♈	5 20 6 41	9 43	5 22 6 39	9 37	5 24 6 37	9 32	5 20 6 41	9 43	5 22 6 39	9 37	5 24 6 37	9 32	5 20 6 41	9 43	
16	S	11 59 45	11 27 13	♈	5 18 6 42	11 8	5 20 6 40	11 2	5 23 6 38	10 50	11 59 45	11 27 13	♈	5 18 6 42	11 8	5 20 6 40	11 2	5 23 6 38	10 50
17	M	11 59 31	11 23 18	♈	5 16 6 43	morn	5 19 6 41	morn	5 21 6 39	morn	11 59 31	11 23 18	♈	5 16 6 43	morn	5 19 6 41	morn	5 21 6 39	morn
18	T	11 59 17	11 19 22	♈	5 15 6 45	0 18	5 17 6 42	0 12	5 20 6 40	0 5	11 59 17	11 19 22	♈	5 15 6 45	0 18	5 17 6 42	0 12	5 20 6 40	0 5
19	W	11 59 3	11 15 26	♈	5 13 6 46	1 20	5 16 6 43	1 13	5 18 6 41	1 7	11 59 3	11 15 26	♈	5 13 6 46	1 20	5 16 6 43	1 13	5 18 6 41	1 7
20	T	11 58 50	11 11 30	♈	5 12 6 47	2 10	5 14 6 44	2 4	5 17 6 42	1 58	11 58 50	11 11 30	♈	5 12 6 47	2 10	5 14 6 44	2 4	5 17 6 42	1 58
21	F	11 58 37	11 7 35	♈	5 10 6 48	2 49	5 13 6 45	2 44	5 16 6 42	2 40	11 58 37	11 7 35	♈	5 10 6 48	2 49	5 13 6 45	2 44	5 16 6 42	2 40
22	S	11 58 25	11 3 39	♈	5 9 6 49	3 21	5 11 6 46	3 18	5 14 6 43	3 14	11 58 25	11 3 39	♈	5 9 6 49	3 21	5 11 6 46	3 18	5 14 6 43	3 14
23	S	11 58 13	10 59 44	♈	5 7 6 50	3 48	5 10 6 47	3 46	5 13 6 44	3 43	11 58 13	10 59 44	♈	5 7 6 50	3 48	5 10 6 47	3 46	5 13 6 44	3 43
24	M	11 58 2	10 55 48	♈	5 6 6 51	4 11	5 8 6 48	4 11	5 11 6 45	4 9	11 58 2	10 55 48	♈	5 6 6 51	4 11	5 8 6 48	4 11	5 11 6 45	4 9
25	T	11 57 51	10 51 52	♈	5 4 6 52	4 34	5 7 6 49	4 35	5 10 6 46	4 35	11 57 51	10 51 52	♈	5 4 6 52	4 34	5 7 6 49	4 35	5 10 6 46	4 35
26	W	11 57 41	10 47 57	♈	5 3 6 53	sets	5 6 6 50	sets	5 9 6 47	sets	11 57 41	10 47 57	♈	5 3 6 53	sets	5 6 6 50	sets	5 9 6 47	sets
27	T	11 57 31	10 44 1	♈	5 1 6 55	7 33	5 4 6 51	7 29	5 8 6 48	7 26	11 57 31	10 44 1	♈	5 1 6 55	7 33	5 4 6 51	7 29	5 8 6 48	7 26
28	F	11 57 22	10 40 6	♈	5 0 6 56	8 36	5 3 6 52	8 31	5 6 6 49	8 27	11 57 22	10 40 6	♈	5 0 6 56	8 36	5 3 6 52	8 31	5 6 6 49	8 27
29	S	11 57 13	10 36 10	♈	4 58 6 57	9 40	5 2 6 54	9 35	5 5 6 50	9 29	11 57 13	10 36 10	♈	4 58 6 57	9 40	5 2 6 54	9 35	5 5 6 50	9 29
30	S	11 57 5	10 32 14	♈	4 57 6 58	10 41	5 0 6 55	10 35	5 4 6 51	10 29	11 57 5	10 32 14	♈	4 57 6 58	10 41	5 0 6 55	10 35	5 4 6 51	10 29

D.	PHENOMENA, ETC.	D.	PHENOMENA, ETC.	D.	PHENOMENA, ETC.
1	Venus 4° in $\alpha$ .	11	Venus South 9 22 mo.	21	(20th) ☿ Gr. Elonga.
2	5th Sunday in Lent.	12	Moon on Equator.	22	Pallas 90° from sun.
3	Venus South 9 35 mo.	13	Full Moon 13th.	23	☿ & ☽. St. George.
4	☿ Apogee & Far. North.	14	Good Friday.	24	Mercury near moon.
5	☿ 5th ☿ Brightest.	15	Sun and clock agree.	25	Moon on Equator.
6	Mars South 9 6 ev.	16	EASTER. 24 90° west ☉.	26	Mars South 7 52 ev.
7	☿ bright this month.	17	(10th) moon Perigee.	27	Moon 27th. ☿ & ☽.
8	Mars near moon.	18	Moon farthest south.	28	Venus in ☿.
9	Palm Sunday.	19	☿ 19th Jupiter near ☽.	29	Saturn near moon.
10	Mars Stationary.	20	Sun enters ♈.	30	2d Sunday after Easter.

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MAY.

FIFTH MONTH.

MOON'S PHASES.				Boston.	New-York.	Baltimore.	Pittsburg.	Cincinnati.	S. Fran.
	D.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.	H.	M.
☉ FIRST QUARTER . . .	5	4	46 m	4	34 m	4	23 m	4	10 m
☾ FULL MOON . . .	12	10	52 m	10	40 m	10	29 m	10	16 m
☾ LAST QUARTER . . .	19	1	48 m	1	36 m	1	25 m	1	12 m
☾ NEW MOON . . .	26	4	3 e	3	5 e	3	40 e	3	27 e

PROB. 5. The intensity of two brilliant A and B are as 5 to 3. The distance between them is 6 feet. Required a point that will receive twice as much light from A as from B.

BOSTON  
ROCHESTER  
DETROIT  
MILWAUKIE

NEW-YORK  
PHILADEL'A  
PITTSBURG  
INDIANAP'S.

BALTIMORE  
CINCINNATI  
ST. LOUIS  
S. FRANCISCO

D.	Days of the Week	Shadow at Noon Mark			Pole Star in Meridian			Moon's Sign.	☾			☽			☿			♈			♉			♊									
		H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.		R.	S.	S.	R.	S.	S.	R.	S.	S.	R.	S.	S.	R.	S.	S.										
1	M	11	56	57	10	28	19	1	4	56	7	6	11	36	4	59	6	50	11	36	5	26	52	11	23								
2	T	11	56	56	10	24	23	12	4	54	7	1	morn	4	58	6	57	morn	5	16	53	morn	5	16	53								
3	W	11	56	43	10	20	28	24	4	53	7	2	0	25	4	56	6	58	0	11	5	06	54	0	12								
4	T	11	56	37	10	16	33	6	4	52	7	3	1	8	4	55	6	59	1	2	4	59	6	55	0	56							
5	F	11	56	31	10	12	37	18	4	58	7	4	1	42	4	54	7	0	1	37	4	58	6	56	1	32							
6	S	11	56	26	10	8	42	1	4	49	7	5	2	13	4	53	7	1	2	4	57	6	57	2	5								
7	S	11	56	22	10	4	46	13	4	48	7	6	2	38	4	52	7	2	2	36	1	56	6	58	2	33							
8	M	11	56	18	10	0	51	26	4	47	7	7	3	3	4	51	7	3	3	1	4	54	6	59	2	59							
9	T	11	56	14	9	56	55	10	4	46	7	8	3	26	4	49	7	4	3	26	4	53	7	0	3	26							
10	W	11	56	11	9	53	0	24	4	44	7	9	3	49	4	48	7	5	3	56	4	52	7	1	3	51							
11	T	11	56	9	9	49	4	8	4	43	7	10	4	14	4	47	7	6	4	15	4	51	7	2	4	19							
12	F	11	56	7	9	45	9	22	4	42	7	11	rises	4	46	7	7	rises	4	50	7	2	rises	4	50	7	2	rises					
13	S	11	56	6	9	41	14	7	4	41	7	12	8	48	4	45	7	8	8	43	4	49	7	3	8	37							
14	S	11	56	6	9	37	18	22	4	40	7	13	10	3	4	44	7	9	9	57	4	49	7	4	9	51							
15	M	11	56	6	9	33	23	7	4	39	7	14	11	11	4	43	7	10	11	5	4	48	7	5	10	58							
16	T	11	56	6	9	29	28	21	4	38	7	15	morn	4	42	7	11	morn	4	47	7	6	11	55	4	47	7	6	11	55			
17	W	11	56	7	9	25	32	6	4	37	7	16	0	7	4	41	7	12	0	1	4	46	7	7	morn	4	46	7	7	morn			
18	T	11	56	9	9	21	37	20	4	36	7	17	0	50	4	40	7	13	0	45	4	45	7	8	0	40	4	45	7	8	0	40	
19	F	11	56	12	9	17	42	4	4	35	7	18	1	25	4	39	7	14	1	21	4	44	7	9	1	17	4	44	7	9	1	17	
20	S	11	56	14	9	13	46	17	4	34	7	19	1	54	4	39	7	15	1	51	4	43	7	10	1	49	4	43	7	10	1	49	
21	S	11	56	18	9	9	51	1	4	33	7	20	2	17	4	38	7	16	2	16	4	42	7	10	2	15	4	42	7	10	2	15	
22	M	11	56	22	9	5	56	14	4	32	7	21	2	40	4	37	7	17	2	40	4	42	7	11	2	40	4	42	7	11	2	40	
23	T	11	56	27	9	2	1	26	4	31	7	22	3	2	4	36	7	18	3	3	4	41	7	12	3	5	4	41	7	12	3	5	
24	W	11	56	32	8	58	5	9	4	31	7	23	3	24	4	36	7	19	3	27	4	41	7	13	3	29	4	41	7	13	3	29	
25	T	11	56	37	8	54	10	21	4	30	7	24	3	48	4	35	7	20	3	52	4	40	7	14	3	56	4	40	7	14	3	56	
26	F	11	56	43	8	50	15	3	4	29	7	25	sets	4	34	7	20	sets	4	39	7	14	sets	4	39	7	14	sets	4	39	7	14	sets
27	S	11	56	50	8	46	20	15	4	29	7	25	8	31	4	34	7	21	8	25	4	39	7	15	8	19	4	39	7	15	8	19	
28	S	11	56	57	8	42	24	27	4	28	7	26	9	29	4	33	7	22	9	22	4	38	7	16	9	16	4	38	7	16	9	16	
29	M	11	57	5	8	38	29	9	4	27	7	27	10	21	4	32	7	23	10	15	4	38	7	17	10	8	4	38	7	17	10	8	4
30	T	11	57	13	8	34	34	21	4	27	7	28	11	5	4	32	7	23	10	59	4	37	7	17	10	53	4	37	7	17	10	53	
31	W	11	57	21	8	30	39	3	4	26	7	29	11	43	4	31	7	24	11	36	4	37	7	18	11	32	4	37	7	18	11	32	

PHENOMENA, ETC.	
1	1st World's Fair, 1851.
2	☉ Apogee & Highest.
3	☾ Uranus near Sun.
4	Jeres 90° from Sun.
5	☉ 5th.
6	Mars near ☉.
7	♂ S. after Easter.
8	☉ on Equator.
9	Venus Gr. Elong W.
10	Riot N. York, 1851.

PHENOMENA, ETC.	
11	Venus South 9.2 mo.
12	☉ Eclipsed 12th.
13	☉ Saturn dim now.
14	☉ Perigee.
15	☉ stat. ☉ Lowest.
16	☉ near Jupiter.
17	☉ near Mercury.
18	Venus South 9.1 mo.
19	☉ 19th.
20	Venus 14° in Pisces.

PHENOMENA, ETC.	
21	☉ enters Taurus.
22	☉ near ☉. ☉ on Equ.
23	Venus South 9.1 mo.
24	☉ Uranus near ☉.
25	☉ Ascen. Day.
26	☉ ☉ Eclipsed. Visible.
27	☉ ☉ near ☉ & ☉.
28	☉ Mercury near Sun.
29	☉ Apogee and Highest.
30	☉ Mercury Perihelion.



1854.		JUNE.		SIXTH MONTH.			
MOON'S PHASES.		Boston.	New-York.	Baltimore.	Pittsburg.	Cincinnati.	S. Francisco
☾ FIRST QUARTER . . .	3	7 56 e	7 44 e	7 33 e	7 20 e	7 2 e	4 30 e
☾ FULL MOON . . .	10	6 46 e	6 34 e	6 23 e	8 10 e	5 52 e	3 20 e
☾ LAST QUARTER . . .	17	9 30 m	9 18 m	9 7 m	8 54 m	8 36 m	6 4 m
☾ NEW MOON . . .	25	7 17 m	7 5 m	6 54 m	6 41 m	6 23 m	3 51 m

FIG. 6. A conical wine-glass, 6 inches deep and 5 inches wide, is 1-5 full of water. How large a ball can be dropped into it, so that when it lodges it will not run out at the top of the glass?

BOSTON		NEW-YORK		BALTIMORE							
ROCHESTER		PHILADEL.		CINCINNATI							
DETROIT		PITTSBURG		ST. LOUIS							
MILWAUKIE		INDIANAP'S.		S. FRANCISCO							
Days of the Mo. Week.	Shadow at Noon Mark. Morning.	Pole Star in Meridian. Morning.	Moon's Sign.	RISES.	SETS.	RISES.	SETS.	RISES.	SETS.	RISES.	SETS.
1 T	11 57 30	8 26 44	♈	4 25 7 30	morn	4 31 7 24	morn	4 36 7 19	morn	4 36 7 19	morn
2 F	11 57 39	8 22 48	♈	4 25 7 30	0 14	4 30 7 25	0 9	4 36 7 19	0 5	4 36 7 19	0 5
3 S	11 57 49	8 18 53	♈	4 25 7 31	0 41	4 30 7 26	0 37	4 36 7 20	0 34	4 36 7 20	0 34
4 S	11 57 59	8 14 58	♈	4 24 7 32	1 5	4 30 7 26	1 3	4 35 7 21	1 1	4 35 7 21	1 1
5 M	11 58 9	8 11 3	♈	4 24 7 32	1 27	4 29 7 28	1 26	4 35 7 21	1 26	4 35 7 21	1 26
6 T	11 58 19	8 7 8	♈	4 24 7 33	2 1	4 29 7 28	2 1	4 35 7 22	2 0	4 35 7 22	2 0
7 W	11 58 30	8 3 13	♈	4 23 7 34	2 14	4 29 7 29	2 15	4 34 7 23	2 17	4 34 7 23	2 17
8 T	11 58 41	7 59 17	♈	4 23 7 34	2 40	4 29 7 30	2 43	4 34 7 23	2 46	4 34 7 23	2 46
9 F	11 58 53	7 55 22	♈	4 23 7 35	3 12	4 28 7 30	3 16	4 34 7 24	3 20	4 34 7 24	3 20
10 S	11 59 4	7 51 27	♈	4 23 7 36	rises	4 28 7 31	rises	4 34 7 24	rises	4 34 7 24	rises
11 S	11 59 16	7 47 32	♈	4 22 7 36	8 54	4 28 7 31	8 46	4 34 7 25	8 39	4 34 7 25	8 39
12 M	11 59 28	7 43 37	♈	4 22 7 37	9 55	4 28 7 32	9 49	4 34 7 25	9 43	4 34 7 25	9 43
13 T	11 59 40	7 39 42	♈	4 22 7 37	10 46	4 28 7 32	10 41	4 34 7 26	10 35	4 34 7 26	10 35
14 W	after'n	7 35 47	♈	4 22 7 38	11 25	4 28 7 32	11 21	4 34 7 26	11 17	4 34 7 26	11 17
15 T	12 0 6	7 31 52	♈	4 22 7 38	11 56	4 28 7 33	11 54	4 34 7 26	11 50	4 34 7 26	11 50
16 F	12 0 18	7 27 56	♈	4 22 7 38	morn	4 28 7 33	morn	4 34 7 27	morn	4 34 7 27	morn
17 S	12 0 31	7 24 1	♈	4 22 7 39	0 23	4 28 7 33	0 21	4 34 7 27	0 19	4 34 7 27	0 19
18 S	12 0 44	7 20 6	♈	4 22 7 39	0 46	4 28 7 34	0 45	4 34 7 28	0 45	4 34 7 28	0 45
19 M	12 0 57	7 16 11	♈	4 22 7 39	1 7	4 28 7 34	1 8	4 34 7 28	1 9	4 34 7 28	1 9
20 T	12 1 10	7 12 16	♈	4 23 7 40	1 30	4 28 7 34	1 32	4 34 7 28	1 34	4 34 7 28	1 34
21 W	12 1 23	7 8 21	♈	4 23 7 40	1 53	4 29 7 34	1 56	4 34 7 28	2 0	4 34 7 28	2 0
22 T	12 1 36	7 4 26	♈	4 23 7 40	2 19	4 29 7 34	2 24	4 35 7 28	2 28	4 35 7 28	2 28
23 F	12 1 49	7 0 31	♈	4 23 7 40	2 50	4 29 7 35	2 55	4 35 7 29	3 1	4 35 7 29	3 1
24 S	12 2 2	6 56 36	♈	4 23 7 40	3 27	4 29 7 35	2 33	4 35 7 29	3 39	4 35 7 29	3 39
25 S	12 2 15	6 52 41	♈	4 24 7 41	sets	4 29 7 35	sets	4 35 7 29	sets	4 35 7 29	sets
26 M	12 2 28	6 48 46	♈	4 24 7 41	9 3	4 30 7 35	8 57	4 36 7 29	8 50	4 36 7 29	8 50
27 T	12 2 40	6 44 50	♈	4 25 7 41	9 43	4 30 7 35	9 37	4 36 7 29	9 31	4 36 7 29	9 31
28 W	12 2 53	6 40 55	♈	4 25 7 40	10 15	4 31 7 35	10 11	4 37 7 29	10 6	4 37 7 29	10 6
29 T	12 3 5	6 37 0	♈	4 25 7 40	10 44	4 31 7 35	10 40	4 37 7 29	10 37	4 37 7 29	10 37
30 F	12 3 17	6 33 5	♈	4 26 7 40	11 9	4 31 7 35	11 7	4 37 7 29	11 4	4 37 7 29	11 4

DAY.	PHENOMENA, ETC.	DAY.	PHENOMENA, ETC.	DAY.	PHENOMENA, ETC.
1	Venus 27° in Pisces.	11	TRINITY. ☉ low.	21	Sun enters Gemini.
2	Venus in Aph.	12	(11th) ☉ Perigee.	22	Venus south 9 8 mo.
3	Mars 90° from Sun.	13	☉ near Jupiter.	23	Saturn near ☉.
4	Whit Sunday.	14	Venus south 9 5 mo.	24	Mars near Juno.
5	☉ on equator.	15	Polk died, 1849.	25	☉ 25th highest.
6	Gen. Gaines died, 1849.	16	Ceres stationary.	26	Apogee ☉.
7	Venus south 9 2 mo.	17	(17th) Venus near ♃	27	☉ near ☉.
8	Jackson died, 1845.	18	☉ on equator.	28	Mars 23° in Leo.
9	Jupiter south 2 46 mo.	19	Jupiter south 2 3 mo.	29	H. Clay died, 1852.
10	☉ 10th.	20	(21st) Venus ♃ & ☉.	30	Venus south 9 13 mo.

1854.

JULY.

SEVENTH MONTH.

MOON'S PHASES.	Boston.	New-York.	Baltimore.	Pittsburg.	Cincinnati.	S. Fran.
1st FIRST QUARTER . . . . .	3 6 7m	7 55m	7 44m	7 31m	7 13m	6 41m
2nd FULL MOON . . . . .	10 1 40m	1 2m	1 17m	1 4m	0 46m	0 14m
3rd LAST QUARTER . . . . .	17 7 41m	7 29m	7 18m	7 5m	6 47m	6 15m
4th NEW MOON . . . . .	24 10 32m	10 20m	10 9m	9 56m	9 3m	247 6m

TABLE 7. In what time will the amount of \$1 at 6 per centum compound interest, equal that of \$2 at 6 per centum simple interest, both being reckoned from the 1st of January, 1854?

Days of the Week.	Hour.	Min.	Sec.	Moon's Sign.	BOSTON			NEW-YORK			BALTIMORE		
					MOON	SUN	STAR	MOON	SUN	STAR	MOON	SUN	STAR
1 S	12	3	20	18	4 26	7 40	11 31	4 32	7 35	11 30	4 38	7 28	11 28
2 S	12	3	40	19	4 27	7 40	11 53	4 32	7 35	11 53	4 38	7 28	11 53
3 M	12	3	53	20	4 27	7 40	12 00	4 33	7 34	12 00	4 39	7 28	12 00
4 T	12	4	28	21	4 28	7 40	0 15	4 34	7 34	0 15	4 39	7 28	0 17
5 W	12	4	10	22	4 29	7 39	0 38	4 34	7 34	0 41	4 40	7 28	0 44
6 T	12	4	23	23	4 29	7 39	1 1	4 35	7 34	1 13	4 41	7 28	1 15
7 F	12	4	35	24	4 30	7 39	1 43	4 35	7 33	1 46	4 41	7 28	1 51
8 S	12	4	42	25	4 30	7 38	2 25	4 36	7 33	2 53	4 42	7 27	2 39
9 S	12	4	53	26	4 31	7 38	3 08	4 37	7 33	3 36	4 42	7 27	3 25
10 M	12	5	05	27	4 32	7 38	3 51	4 37	7 32	4 09	4 43	7 27	4 08
11 T	12	5	18	28	4 33	7 37	4 34	4 38	7 32	4 51	4 44	7 26	4 59
12 W	12	5	16	29	4 33	7 37	5 17	4 39	7 31	5 34	4 44	7 26	5 47
13 T	12	5	25	30	4 34	7 36	6 00	4 39	7 31	6 17	4 45	7 26	6 39
14 F	12	5	30	31	4 35	7 36	6 43	4 40	7 30	7 00	4 46	7 26	7 30
15 S	12	5	36	32	4 36	7 35	7 26	4 41	7 30	7 43	4 46	7 26	8 22
16 S	12	5	42	33	4 37	7 34	8 11	4 42	7 29	8 30	4 47	7 26	9 14
17 M	12	5	48	34	4 37	7 34	8 56	4 43	7 29	9 15	4 47	7 26	10 06
18 T	12	5	53	35	4 38	7 33	9 41	4 43	7 28	10 00	4 48	7 26	10 58
19 W	12	5	57	36	4 39	7 32	10 26	4 44	7 27	10 49	4 49	7 26	11 50
20 T	12	6	15	37	4 40	7 31	11 11	4 45	7 26	11 34	4 50	7 26	12 42
21 F	12	6	45	38	4 41	7 30	11 56	4 46	7 26	12 19	4 51	7 26	1 34
22 S	12	6	75	39	4 42	7 30	12 41	4 47	7 25	1 04	4 52	7 26	2 26
23 S	12	6	15	40	4 43	7 29	1 26	4 47	7 24	1 39	4 52	7 26	3 18
24 M	12	6	11	41	4 44	7 28	2 11	4 47	7 23	2 24	4 53	7 26	4 10
25 T	12	6	12	42	4 45	7 27	2 56	4 49	7 23	3 09	4 54	7 26	5 02
26 W	12	6	13	43	4 46	7 26	3 41	4 50	7 22	3 52	4 55	7 26	5 54
27 T	12	6	14	44	4 47	7 25	4 26	4 51	7 21	4 37	4 56	7 26	6 46
28 F	12	6	14	45	4 48	7 24	5 11	4 52	7 20	5 22	4 57	7 26	7 38
29 S	12	6	10	46	4 49	7 23	5 56	4 53	7 19	6 07	4 58	7 26	8 30
30 S	12	6	8	47	4 50	7 22	6 41	4 54	7 18	6 52	4 59	7 26	9 22
31 M	12	6	6	48	4 51	7 21	7 26	4 55	7 17	7 47	4 59	7 26	10 14

PHENOMENA, ETC.	PHENOMENA, ETC.	PHENOMENA, ETC.
1 Venus 29° in Aries.	11 Saturn near Venus.	21 Venus near Moon.
2 3d S. aff. Trin.	12 21 South 21 mo.	22 Moon Highest.
3 3d S. on equator.	13 Mercury visible now.	23 Sun Ent. C.
4 Independence, 1776.	14 French Revolution.	24 24th Moon A.
5 2 South 9 17 mo.	15 2 S. C. on equator.	25 Mercury near moon.
6 Mars in Leo.	16 16th S. stationary.	26 21 South 11 14 mo.
7 Sheridan died, 1816.	17 Pallas opposite sun.	27 1 South 10 30 mo.
8 Venus south 9 19 mo.	18 (15th) 21 Bright.	28 H. Clay burnt, 1852.
9 Lowest. Peri.	19 2 South 9 25 mo.	29 Dog Days Begin.
10 21 near S. 10th.	20 Saturn near moon.	30 2 S. C. 10th.

1854.		AUGUST.										EIGHTH MONTH.			
MOON'S PHASES.															
		Boston.		New-York.		Baltimore.		Pittsburg.		Cincinnati.		S.Fran.			
		D	H M	D	H M	D	H M	D	H M	D	H M	D	H M		
☾	FIRST QUARTER . . .	1	5 44 e	5	32 e	5	21 e	5	8 e	4	50 e	1	2 18 e		
☾	FULL MOON . . . . .	8	8 33 m	8	21 m	8	10 m	7	57 m	7	39 m	8	5 7 m		
☾	LAST QUARTER . . . .	15	9 5 m	8	53 m	8	42 m	8	29 m	8	11 m	15	5 39 m		
☾	NEW MOON . . . . .	23	1 16 e	1	4 e	0	53 e	0	40 e	0	22 e	23	9 50 m		
☾	FIRST QUARTER . . . .	31	1 23 m	1	11 m	1	0 m	0	47 m	0	29 m	30	9 57 e		

PROB. 8. How many globes, each two inches in diameter, can be placed upon a globe two feet in diameter?

BOSTON

ROCHESTER

DETROIT

MILWAUKIE

NEW-YORK

PHILADELPHIA

PITTSBURG

INDIANAP'S.

BALTIMORE

CINCINNATI

ST. LOUIS

S. FRANCIS'O

D.	Mo	Days of the Week	Shadow at Noon Mark.			Pole Star in Meridian Morning.			Moon's Sign.	RISES			SETS.			RISES			SETS.			RISES			SETS.			
			H	M	S	H	M	S		S	O		H	M	S	H	M	S	H	M	S	H	M	S	H	M	S	
1	T		12	6	3	4	27	42	♊	6		4	52	7	20	11	6	4	56	7	16	11	9	5	07	11	11	13
2	W		12	5	59	4	23	47	♋	20		4	53	7	18	11	37	4	57	7	14	11	42	5	17	10	11	46
3	T		12	5	54	4	19	52	♌	4		4	54	7	17	morn		4	58	7	13	morn		5	27	9	morn	
4	F		12	5	41	4	15	57	♍	18		4	55	7	16	0	16	4	59	7	12	0	22	5	37	8	0	27
5	S		12	5	43	4	12	2	♎	3		4	56	7	15	1	6	5	07	7	11	1	12	5	47	7	1	19
6	S		12	5	37	4	8	6	♏	18		4	57	7	14	2	13	5	17	7	10	2	19	5	57	6	2	26
7	M		12	5	30	4	4	11	♐	3		4	58	7	12	3	24	5	27	9	3	29	5	67	5	3	35	
8	T		12	5	23	4	0	16	♑	18		4	59	7	11	rises		5	37	7	rises		5	67	4	rises		
9	W		12	5	15	3	56	21	♒	3		5	07	10	8	21		5	47	6	8	18	5	77	2	8	15	
10	T		12	5	6	3	52	26	♓	18		5	17	8	8	48		5	57	5	8	47	5	87	1	8	45	
11	F		12	4	57	3	48	30	♊	2		5	27	7	9	13		5	67	4	9	13	5	97	0	9	12	
12	S		12	4	47	3	44	35	♋	15		5	37	6	9	35		5	77	2	9	36	5	106	59	9	38	
13	S		12	4	37	3	40	40	♌	29		5	47	4	9	59		5	87	1	10	1	5	116	58	10	3	
14	M		12	4	26	3	36	45	♍	11		5	57	1	10	24		5	97	0	10	27	5	126	55	10	31	
15	T		12	4	15	3	32	49	♎	24		5	77	0	10	53		5	106	58	10	57	5	136	54	11	2	
16	W		12	4	3	3	28	54	♏	6		5	86	58	11	26		5	116	57	11	31	5	146	53	11	37	
17	T		12	3	56	3	24	59	♐	18		5	106	57	morn			5	126	55	morn		5	156	52	morn		
18	F		12	3	37	3	21	4	♑	30		5	116	55	0	5		5	136	54	0	12	5	166	51	0	18	
19	S		12	3	24	3	17	9	♒	12		5	126	54	0	52		5	146	53	0	58	5	176	50	1	5	
20	S		12	3	10	3	13	13	♓	24		5	136	52	1	44		5	156	51	1	50	5	176	48	1	57	
21	M		12	2	56	3	9	18	♊	5		5	146	51	2	44		5	166	50	2	50	5	186	47	2	56	
22	T		12	2	41	3	5	23	♋	17		5	156	49	3	46		5	176	48	3	51	5	196	45	3	56	
23	W		12	2	26	3	1	27	♌	30		5	166	48	sets			5	176	47	sets		5	206	44	sets		
24	T		12	2	11	2	57	32	♍	12		5	176	46	7	41		5	186	45	7	39	5	216	43	7	37	
25	F		12	1	54	2	53	37	♎	25		5	186	44	8	2		5	196	44	8	1	5	226	41	8	0	
26	S		12	1	38	2	49	41	♏	7		5	196	43	8	24		5	206	42	8	24	5	236	40	8	25	
27	S		12	1	21	2	45	46	♐	20		5	206	41	8	46		5	216	41	8	47	5	246	38	8	49	
28	M		12	1	4	2	41	51	♑	3		5	21	39	9	10		5	226	39	9	13	5	256	37	9	16	
29	T		12	0	46	2	37	55	♒	16		5	226	38	9	37		5	236	37	9	42	5	266	35	9	46	
30	W		12	0	2	2	34	0	♓	30		5	236	36	10	12		5	246	36	10	17	5	266	34	10	23	
31	T		12	0	10	2	30	5	♊	14		5	236	36	10	56		5	256	34	11	2	5	276	32	11	9	

PHENOMENA, ETC.		PHENOMENA, ETC.		PHENOMENA, ETC.	
1	D 1st.	11	☿ South 9 51 mo.	21	☿ Mercury near Moon.
2	☾ South 10.47 eve.	12	☾ Moon on Equator.	22	☾ Uranus Stationary.
3	Vesta near Juno.	13	Venus in ☐.	23	☼ 23d. Sun in ☐.
4	Jeres ☿ Sun.	14	☾ Moon near Uranus.	24	☿ St. Barthol.
5	☿ South 9.49 mo.	15	☾ 15th.	25	☿ South 10.13 mo.
6	Jupiter near moon.	16	☿ South 10.3 mo.	26	☾ Moon on Equator.
7	☾ Moon Perigee.	17	☿ near Moon.	27	☼ 11th Sund. after Trin.
8	☿ 8th Mercury Vis.	18	☿ Gr Elong. W.	28	☿ Mars near Moon.
9	☿ Stat. ☿ Stat.	19	☿ Highest. Aphel.	29	☿ Mars in ☼.
10	☿ Jars 19° in ☼.	20	☿ Venus near Moon	30	☿ Webster hung. 1850.

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SEPTEMBER.

NINTH MONTH.

MOON'S PHASES.				Boston.	New-York.	Baltimore.	Pittsburg.	Cincinnati.	S. Fran.
				H M	H M	H M	H M	H M	H M
☉ FULL MOON . . . .	6	4 34 e	4 22 e	4 11 e	3 58 e	3 40 e	6 1 8 e		
☾ LAST QUARTER . . . .	14	1 46 m	1 34 m	1 23 m	1 10 m	0 52 m	13 10 20 e		
☾ NEW MOON . . . . .	12	3 19 m	3 7 m	2 56 m	2 43 m	2 25 m	21 11 53 e		
☾ FIRST QUARTER . . . .	29	7 54 m	7 42 m	7 31 m	7 18 m	7 0 m	2 4 28 m		

Prob. 9. If 18 oxen eat 4 1-2 acres of grass in 2 weeks, and 24 oxen eat 14 2-5 acres in 5 weeks, how many will eat 48 acres in 8 weeks, the grass being at first equal in every acre and growing uniformly?

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D.	Mo	Days of the Week	Shadow at Noon Mark Morning.	Pole Star in Meridian Morning.	Moon's Sign.	Rises			Sets			Rises			Sets		
						H M	H M	H M	H M	H M	H M	H M	H M	H M	H M	H M	H M
1	F		11 59 51	2 26 9	♈	5 24	5 35	11 53	5 26	5 33	11 59	5 28	5 31	morn	5 28	5 31	morn
2	S		11 59 32	2 22 14	♈	5 26	5 33	morn	5 27	5 31	morn	5 29	5 31	morn	5 29	5 31	morn
3	S		11 59 13	2 18 19	♈	5 27	5 31	1 0	5 28	5 29	1 6	5 30	5 28	1 13	5 30	5 28	1 13
4	M		11 58 54	2 14 23	♈	5 28	5 29	2 16	5 29	5 28	2 21	5 31	5 26	2 27	5 31	5 26	2 27
5	T		11 58 34	2 10 28	♈	5 29	5 28	3 36	5 30	5 26	3 40	5 32	5 25	3 44	5 32	5 25	3 44
6	W		11 58 14	2 6 32	♈	5 30	5 26	rises	5 31	5 25	rises	5 33	5 23	rises	5 33	5 23	rises
7	T		11 57 54	2 2 37	♈	5 31	5 24	7 12	5 32	5 23	7 11	5 34	5 21	7 10	5 34	5 21	7 10
8	F		11 57 33	1 58 42	♈	5 32	5 22	7 35	5 33	5 21	7 36	5 35	5 20	7 36	5 35	5 20	7 36
9	S		11 57 13	1 54 47	♈	5 33	5 21	7 59	5 34	5 20	8 1	5 35	5 18	8 3	5 35	5 18	8 3
10	S		11 56 52	1 50 51	♈	5 34	5 19	8 23	5 35	5 18	8 26	5 36	5 17	8 30	5 36	5 17	8 30
11	M		11 56 31	1 46 55	♈	5 35	5 17	8 51	5 36	5 16	8 55	5 37	5 15	9 0	5 37	5 15	9 0
12	T		11 56 10	1 43 0	♈	5 36	5 15	9 22	5 37	5 15	9 27	5 38	5 14	9 33	5 38	5 14	9 33
13	W		11 55 48	1 39 4	♈	5 37	5 14	10 0	5 38	5 13	10 6	5 39	5 12	10 13	5 39	5 12	10 13
14	T		11 55 28	1 35 8	♈	5 38	5 12	10 45	5 39	5 11	10 51	5 40	5 10	10 58	5 40	5 10	10 58
15	F		11 55 7	1 31 13	♈	5 39	5 10	11 36	5 40	5 9	11 42	5 41	5 8	11 49	5 41	5 8	11 49
16	S		11 54 46	1 27 17	♈	5 40	5 8	morn	5 41	5 8	morn	5 42	5 6	12 morn	5 42	5 6	12 morn
17	S		11 54 25	1 23 22	♈	5 41	5 7	0 33	5 42	5 6	0 39	5 43	5 6	0 45	5 43	5 6	0 45
18	M		11 54 4	1 19 26	♈	5 43	5 5	1 34	5 43	5 4	1 39	5 44	5 4	1 45	5 44	5 4	1 45
19	T		11 53 43	1 15 31	♈	5 44	5 3	2 38	5 44	5 3	2 42	5 44	5 2	2 46	5 44	5 2	2 46
20	W		11 53 22	1 11 35	♈	5 45	5 1	3 42	5 45	5 1	3 45	5 45	5 1	3 48	5 45	5 1	3 48
21	T		11 53 11	1 7 40	♈	5 46	5 0	sets	5 46	5 59	sets	5 46	5 59	sets	5 46	5 59	sets
22	F		11 52 40	1 3 44	♈	5 47	5 58	6 28	5 47	5 58	6 28	5 47	5 58	6 28	5 47	5 58	6 28
23	S		11 52 18	0 59 48	♈	5 48	5 56	6 50	5 48	5 56	6 51	5 48	5 56	6 52	5 48	5 56	6 52
24	S		11 51 59	0 55 53	♈	5 49	5 54	7 13	5 49	5 54	7 16	5 49	5 54	7 18	5 49	5 54	7 18
25	M		11 51 38	0 51 57	♈	5 50	5 53	7 41	5 50	5 53	7 44	5 50	5 53	7 49	5 50	5 53	7 49
26	T		11 51 18	0 48 1	♈	5 51	5 51	8 14	5 51	5 51	8 19	5 51	5 51	8 24	5 51	5 51	8 24
27	W		11 50 58	0 44 6	♈	5 52	5 49	8 53	5 52	5 50	8 59	5 52	5 50	9 5	5 52	5 50	9 5
28	T		11 50 38	0 40 10	♈	5 53	5 47	9 45	5 53	5 48	9 52	5 53	5 48	9 58	5 53	5 48	9 58
29	F		11 50 18	0 36 14	♈	5 54	5 46	10 48	5 54	5 46	10 54	5 54	5 46	11 1	5 54	5 46	11 1
30	S		11 49 59	0 32 19	♈	5 55	5 44	11 59	5 55	5 44	morn	5 55	5 45	morn	5 55	5 45	morn

PHENOMENA, ETC.		PHENOMENA, ETC.		PHENOMENA, ETC.	
1	Venus 40° in ☐.	11	☿ near ☉.	21	(22d) ☉ on Equator.
2	☿ South 8.35 eve.	12	☿ Sup near Sun.	22	☿ 22d. ☿ near ☉.
3	☿ 12th S. aft. Trinity.	13	☿ d. ☿. 24 Stat.	23	☿ enters ♍.
4	Perigee ☉.	14	☿ 14th.	24	15th S. after Trinity.
5	☿ South 10.24 mo.	15	☿ Highest.	25	Mars near ☉.
6	Pallas Stat. ☉ 6th.	16	Apogee ☉.	26	Venus South 10.41 mo.
7	☿ South 8.11 eve.	17	14th S. after Trinity.	27	Ceres stationary.
8	☉ on Equ. ☿ ☐ ☉.	18	☿ South 7.27 eve.	28	☿ Stat. ☿ in ☿.
9	Dog Days end.	19	☿ South 10.36 mo.	29	☿ 29th. ☿ Low.
10	13th S. after Trinity.	20	☿ d. ☿. ☿ South 5.4.	30	☿ 24 d. St. Jerome.



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NOVEMBER.

ELEVENTH MONTH.

MOON'S PHASES.		Boston.		New-York.		Baltimore.		Pittsburg.		Cincinnati.		S. Francisco	
	D.	H	M	H	M	H	M	H	M	H	M	H	M
☾ FULL MOON . . . .	4	4	17 e	4	5 e	3	54 e	3	41 e	3	23 e	0	51 e
☾ LAST QUARTER . . . .	12	5	25 e	5	13 e	5	2 e	4	49 e	4	31 e	1	59 e
☾ NEW MOON . . . .	20	5	18 m	5	6 m	4	55 m	4	42 m	4	24 m	1	52 m
☾ FIRST QUARTER . . . .	26	9	56 e	9	44 e	9	33 e	9	20 e	9	2 e	6	30 e

PROB. 11. It is required to express 1000 in a system of numbers having 9 for its base, instead of 10, the latter of which is the base of the system now in use.

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D.	Days of the Week	Shadow at Noon.			Pole Star in Meridian.			Moon's Sign.	Rises.			Sets.			Rises.			Sets.			Rises.			Sets.			
		H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.		H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.	H.	M.	S.				
1	W	11	43	43	10	22	33	♈	6	33	4	54	2	46	6	30	4	57	2	47	6	27	5	0	2	48	
2	T	11	43	42	10	18	37	♈	6	34	4	53	3	55	6	31	4	56	3	55	6	28	4	59	3	55	
3	F	11	43	42	10	14	41	♈	6	36	4	51	5	5	6	32	4	54	5	4	6	29	4	58	5	2	
4	S	11	43	43	10	10	45	♈	6	37	4	50	ris	6	34	4	53	ris	6	31	4	57	ris	6	31	4	57
5	S	11	43	45	10	6	49	♈	6	38	4	49	5	17	6	35	4	52	5	21	6	32	4	56	5	26	
6	M	11	43	47	10	2	52	♈	6	39	4	48	5	50	6	36	4	51	5	55	6	33	4	55	6	1	
7	T	11	43	50	9	58	56	♈	6	41	4	47	6	29	6	37	4	50	6	35	6	34	4	54	6	42	
8	W	11	43	54	9	55	0	♈	6	42	4	45	7	15	6	38	4	49	7	22	6	35	4	53	7	29	
9	T	11	43	59	9	51	4	♈	6	43	4	44	8	9	6	40	4	48	8	15	6	36	4	52	8	22	
10	F	11	44	5	9	47	7	♈	6	44	4	43	9	7	6	41	4	47	9	13	6	37	4	51	9	19	
11	S	11	44	11	9	43	11	♈	6	46	4	42	10	9	6	42	4	46	10	14	6	38	4	50	10	19	
12	S	11	44	19	9	39	15	♈	6	47	4	41	11	11	6	43	4	45	11	15	6	39	4	49	11	20	
13	M	11	44	27	9	35	19	♈	6	48	4	40	morn	6	44	4	44	morn	6	40	4	48	morn	6	40	4	48
14	T	11	44	37	9	31	22	♈	6	49	4	39	0	15	6	46	4	43	0	18	6	41	4	47	0	21	
15	W	11	44	47	9	27	26	♈	6	51	4	39	1	18	6	47	4	43	1	20	6	43	4	47	1	22	
16	T	11	44	58	9	23	30	♈	6	52	4	38	2	23	6	48	4	42	2	24	6	44	4	46	2	25	
17	F	11	45	10	9	19	33	♈	6	53	4	37	3	30	6	49	4	41	3	29	6	45	4	45	3	28	
18	S	11	45	22	9	15	37	♈	6	54	4	36	4	39	6	50	4	40	4	37	6	46	4	44	4	35	
19	S	11	45	36	9	11	41	♈	6	56	4	35	5	52	6	51	4	39	5	49	6	47	4	44	5	45	
20	M	11	45	50	9	7	44	♈	6	57	4	34	sets	6	53	4	39	sets	6	48	4	43	sets	6	48	4	43
21	T	11	46	5	9	3	48	♈	6	58	4	34	5	31	6	54	4	38	5	37	6	49	4	43	5	44	
22	W	11	46	21	8	59	51	♈	6	59	4	33	6	28	6	55	4	38	6	35	6	50	4	42	6	42	
23	T	11	46	38	8	55	55	♈	7	0	4	32	7	37	6	56	4	37	7	43	6	51	4	42	7	50	
24	F	11	46	55	8	51	59	♈	7	2	4	32	8	52	6	57	4	36	8	57	6	52	4	41	9	3	
25	S	11	47	13	8	48	2	♈	7	3	4	31	10	9	6	58	4	36	10	14	6	54	4	40	10	18	
26	M	11	47	32	8	44	6	♈	7	4	4	31	11	25	6	59	4	35	11	27	6	55	4	40	11	30	
27	S	11	47	52	8	40	9	♈	7	5	4	30	morn	7	0	4	35	morn	7	0	6	56	4	40	morn	7	0
28	T	11	48	12	8	36	13	♈	7	6	4	30	0	37	7	2	4	35	0	38	6	57	4	40	0	40	
29	W	11	48	33	8	32	16	♈	7	7	4	30	1	46	7	3	4	34	1	46	6	58	4	39	1	47	
30	T	11	48	55	8	28	20	♈	7	8	4	29	2	54	7	4	4	34	2	53	6	59	4	39	2	52	

DM	PHENOMENA, ETC.	DM	PHENOMENA, ETC.	DM	PHENOMENA, ETC.
1	Venus 29° in ♍.	11	Apogee ●.	21	☿ d. ♍. Peri. of ♍.
2	All Solsts.	12	☿ 12th. Mercury Vis.	22	☿ ent. ♍. ☿ d. ●.
3	All Solsts. ● on Eq.	13	☿ South 1 24 mo.	23	● lowest.
4	☿ Sou. 2 4 mo.	14	☿ in ♈ 22°.	24	Jupiter near ●.
5	21st S after Trinity.	15	☿ 14° in ♈.	25	☿ South 0 33 mo.
6	Uranus Brightest.	16	● on equator.	26	☿ 26th.
7	☿ d. ♍. ☿ d. ♍.	17	☿ in ♍.	27	☿ visible, morn.
8	Ceres in Aph.	18	Vesta d. ♍ & Sun.	28	Mercury stationary.
9	● Highest.	19	☿ Inf. d. ☿ d. ●.	29	● on equator.
10	Mars 24° in ♍.	20	● 20. ☿ Eclipsed.	30	St. Andrew.



## AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

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To unite in the closest alliance the churches of our country maintaining a common faith and order, must be regarded as exceedingly desirable by every thoughtful mind ;—while it must be evident that such a union of CONGREGATIONAL Churches, must be founded upon the broadest recognition of their distinctive principle—The Scriptural right of every Church to maintain a perfect independence in the government and administration of its own affairs.

But it has long been deeply felt that there are important objects in which the Congregational Churches of America have a common interest ; to the complete attainment of which harmonious and vigorous co-operation is essential :—and in the course of the meetings of the General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Delegates held at Albany in October last, it became evident, from the opinions and desires which were incidentally but strongly expressed, that the time had come for the formation of a Union which should express and increase the unity of the Congregational Churches of our land,—secure more general and accurate statistical information relative to the Congregational Churches throughout our country and the world at large,—provide a more efficient channel of communication with Churches of the same faith and order in other countries,—and in various ways promote the extension of the kingdom of Christ in connection with those principles of Church



government which we believe to be drawn from the sacred and pure fountain of revealed truth.

For this purpose a preliminary meeting was held in the city of New York, March 3rd, 1853, when a Committee was appointed to draft a Plan and Constitution, to be submitted to a general meeting, which was held, pursuant to public notice, in the lecture-room of the Broadway Tabernacle, May 11th, at which Rev. Wm. T. Dwight, D. D., of Portland, was called to preside. After a free and full discussion, the motion—"that it is expedient to form an Institution on the general basis of the plan now offered, to be called the American Congregational Union"—was unanimously adopted. At subsequent meetings of the Union, the following Constitution and Laws were adopted, and the following officers elected :

### CONSTITUTION.

I. This Association shall be known in law as THE AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

II. The particular business and objects of the Society shall be to collect, preserve, and publish authentic information concerning the history, condition, and continued progress, of the Congregational Churches in all parts of this country, with their affiliated institutions, and with their relations to kindred churches and institutions in other countries :—

To promote, by tracts and books, by devising and recommending to the public, plans of co-operation in building meeting-houses and parsonages, and in providing parochial and pastoral libraries, and in other methods, the progress and well working of the Congregational Church polity :—

To afford increased facilities for mutual acquaintance and friendly intercourse and helpfulness among ministers and churches of the Congregational order ;—

And, in general, to do whatever a voluntary association of individuals may do, in christian discretion, and without invading the appropriate field of any existing institution,—for the

promotion of evangelical knowledge and piety in connection with Congregational principles of church government.

III. Its business shall be managed by a Board of not more than thirty, nor less than five Trustees.

#### MEMBERS.

Any person approving of the objects of this Society, and desirous of co-operating with it, may become a member for life, on the payment of twenty-five dollars or more, at any one time ; or a member for the current year on the payment of any other sum not less than one dollar.

#### OFFICERS.

The Officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, a Board of Trustees, together with a Treasurer, Secretary, and such other executive officers as shall be needful for the transacting of its business.

The President, Vice-Presidents, and Board of Trustees, shall be elected by the Union, at the annual meeting. The Secretary, Treasurer, and other agents, shall be appointed by the Trustees.

The Trustees shall have entire charge and oversight of the business of the Union, with power to fill vacancies in their number until the next annual election.

#### MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Union shall be held in New York or Brooklyn, on the second Thursday in May, when the report of the Board of Trustees shall be presented, the election of officers take place, and other appropriate business be transacted.

Special meetings may be called in New York, or elsewhere, either by vote of the Union, or at the request of a majority of the Trustees, of which extensive public notice shall be given.

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Standing between the East and the West—in the metropolis of America, the great heart of our energetic and growing nation,—the Union will so collect and combine the experience and conservatism of the former with the youth and vigor of the latter, as to manifest the scriptural unity of our churches, spreading from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and to consolidate their sympathies and efforts for the advancement of the Gospel.

These objects will be accomplished *directly*, by furnishing a central home for fraternal intercourse; an office for informa-

tion on all subjects connected with the organization of churches, and the operations of the various religious institutions which draw from them their support, and which in return minister to their vigor and efficiency ; and by publishing an annual volume embodying the statistics of all the District and State Associations, a report of the literary and benevolent Institutions of the land, and such other information as may constitute it a denominational treasury—which will be sent to every member of the Union ; and *indirectly* by the various modes in which christian sympathy, and energy, and liberality, may be concentrated and augmented for the diffusion of truth and the more rapid subjugation and better cultivation of the wide field which is to become in part, we trust, by our efforts, the garden of the Lord.

The co-operation of all who approve of the objects of the American Congregational Union is most affectionately and earnestly solicited in the following ways :—

By the enrollment of their names as members.

By procuring and transmitting the names and subscriptions of such members of the church with which they are associated as may approve of the enterprise,—and

By collecting and depositing in the rooms of the Union, such books, pamphlets, manuscripts, or portraits, as may add to the efficiency or interest of the literary and historical department of the Institution, or to the attractiveness of this National Home of Congregationalists.

## CONDENSED REPORT OF STATE ASSOCIATIONS.

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### MASSACHUSETTS.

The General Association of Massachusetts met in the First Congregational Church in Yarmouth, June 28, 1853, at 5 P. M. Rev. J. S. Clark, D. D., was chosen Moderator ; Rev. A. L. Stone, Scribe ; and Rev. L. Whiting, Assistant Scribe.

A discourse was preached by Rev. S. R. Buckingham, from Phil. 4: 8.

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of the General Association, to investigate the subject of the frequent dissolution of the pastoral relation, reported in substance as follows :—

Our first inquiry was whether it be a fact that dismissions are more frequent now than formerly they were, and whether the length of the pastorate in the same place is shorter than it once was.

We found that in Essex County, in 1802, there were 47 settled pastors, the average length of whose pastorates, where then settled, was 19 1-4 years. In 1852, there were in the same County 45 Orthodox Congregational pastors, the average length of whose pastorates was 13 1-2 years.

In Norfolk County, in 1802, there were 28 pastors, the average length of whose pastorates was 16 3-4 years ; but in 1852, the average length of its 28 pastorates was only 10 1-9 years.

In Berkshire County, in 1802, there were 16 pastors, the

average length of whose pastorates was 18 years. In 1852, the average length of 21 pastorates was only 5 2-5 years.

In the whole of the three Counties, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin, there were, in 1802, 53 pastors, the average length of whose pastorates was 19-1-5 years. In 1852, there were 71, the average length of whose pastorates was 9 1-2 years.

Your Committee have made other examinations and comparisons, till they are satisfied that where pastors fifty years ago continued in the same place 9 years, they now continue not more than from 3 to 6 years.

The alarming *consequences* are that the harmony and peace of Churches and Parishes are greatly disturbed by the course they pursue to get rid of a Minister, and to procure a successor; strife and debate are produced, divisions are occasioned, feeble churches are multiplied, respect for the ministry is diminished the unconverted—especially the young—are seriously injured, the spiritual growth of the Churches is retarded, the streams of Christian benevolence are diminished or dried up, and missionary operations at home and abroad are made to suffer.

Among the *causes* of this great practical evil, is the fact that neither the people nor the pastor expect it to be for life. Once it was understood that the union between pastor and people was almost as sacred and indissoluble as that of husband and wife. He was, at his settlement, furnished with a house and a lot of land, or with the means of purchasing one, the giving and receiving of which was a sort of mutual pledge that the union should not be dissolved for any trivial reasons.

But the times have changed. No such pledge is given; there is no such honest purpose on the part of either minister or people to make the union permanent, but often an intention that it shall be severed, if anything should occur that shall seem to render it desirable.

Another cause of short pastorates is the haste with which the union is consummated. The minister preaches from one to three Sabbaths, and before a mutual acquaintance can be formed,

he receives and accepts a call. It soon appears that there are difficulties in the Church of long standing ; those who did not vote for him are more numerous or more influential than he supposed ; the Society is in debt ; or brotherly love is at a low ebb ; or it is found that the minister is not adapted to that particular place or people. Increased acquaintance produces coldness, and leads to a dismissal, injurious alike to both parties. Hasty settlements are often the occasion of speedy removals.

Another cause of frequent changes in the ministry is the want of an adequate preparation for its duties. Associating during his collegiate and theological course with few except students, a young man enters upon the ministry with but a limited acquaintance with any other class. It can hardly be supposed that he will have that knowledge of the world *as it is*, which will enable him to adapt his discourses to all the varieties of character of which a congregation is composed.

Not a few are *willing* to be dismissed within three or four years of their settlement. They have gone over the topics they investigated, and used up the materials they collected, during their preparatory course, and they lack the high and noble purposes, the indomitable energy and relish for hard study essential to meet this crisis, and to insure freshness and continual growth. They are willing to remove to another field, where they may repeat what has been written, and secure sometime for reading and pastoral labor.

And the temptation is strong in proportion to the amount of labor required of ministers, and never was that pressure so great as now. There are few, however, who secure any permanent advantage by fleeing from such enemies to repose or advancement. To meet them as they arise, and vanquish them on the spot, will be far more likely to give courage to the heart, nerve to the arm, and honorable success to the conflict.

Another cause of short pastorates, is inadequate support. We do not think that ministers ought to be rich and increasing in goods, but they ought to live as comfortably as the average

of their parishioners, and to have their salary promptly paid in cash, so as to enable them to deal honestly and honorably with their fellow men. If the pastor is obliged to be in debt, if he cannot afford to have ministerial intercourse, if he cannot replenish his library occasionally by adding to it a few new books, the people must suffer, though they may not *feel* it as he does.

It is gratifying to know that the people are turning their attention to this subject, and that the salaries of many ministers have already been increased. It is admitted that the support is inadequate ; let them go on to rectify the evil.

The causes of short pastorates having been made apparent, the *remedies* will readily suggest themselves to every reflecting mind.

1. Let the people be instructed more fully in regard to the sacredness of the pastoral relations : that it is a tie which cannot be sundered for trifling reasons, without great moral injury to the party that does it ; that a man of moderate ability will accomplish more in the same place in twenty years, than can be accomplished by four men of much greater ability by laboring five years each ; and that a good man, who is devoted to his work, by remaining long in the same place, acquires an influence that one who changes often can never gain.

2. Let ministers and people avoid hasty settlements.

3. Let young ministers be careful to gain a practical knowledge of men, and of the duties of the pastoral office. Let them anticipate the crisis which can hardly fail to come, and by prayerfulness and hard study acquire the strength to meet it honorably, and to bear them ever onward.

4. Let parishes be instructed in regard to the provision they should make for the support of their ministers. Pastors who are called to address the people at ordinations and installations, may advantageously make this the prominent topic in the address, especially in places where the salary is very small. If small parishes would make a special effort to provide a comfortable parsonage, and give their minister the use of it, in addition to the



usual salary, it would prevent many dismissions. But if the pastor is to be charged a high rent to be deducted from a small salary, the fewer parsonages there are, the better it will be for both parties.

The report closes with an extract from a tract recently published by the Congregational Union of England and Wales, on the same subject:—

“Deacons should feel the obligation laid upon them by their office, to set an example of concern for their minister’s relief from excessive worldly care. If there be straightness, it is theirs to reduce it, if possible. If they cannot increase his permanent income, they may effect something, perhaps, for the family, by insurance in the event of his death; or it may be, something for himself, in the shape of annuity in old age. They do not use their office well, if, through their want of diligence and system, the pastor suffers want. Apart from personal friendship that might be supposed to move them, they are bound, as selected by the Church to watch over its general interests, to give heed to this very thing.”

*Resolved*, That it be recommended to each pastor within the bounds of the Association, to communicate this report in some suitable manner to his congregation.

#### *Congregational Library Association.*

Whereas a Congregational Library Association has been recently formed at Boston, designed to cement the bonds of fellowship in our denomination, and also to collect and preserve historical memorials, therefore

*Resolved*, That this body earnestly commends this Association to the attention of ministers and laymen, as suited to meet a social and religious necessity in our connection, which the spirit of Christianity, our form of Church government, and the value of our historical reminiscences, loudly call on us to supply.

*Place of next Meeting.*

*Voted*, That the next meeting of this body be held in the meeting house of the Central Church in Fall River, Rev. Eli Thurston, Pastor. Harmony Association to appoint the Associational Preacher.

*Delegates to Foreign Bodies.*

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (O. S.,) next meeting in Buffalo, third Tuesday of May, 1854 :—

Rev. J. B. Waterbury, D. D.,	}	Primaries.
Rev. J. Emery,		
Rev. A. Eldridge,	}	Substitutes.
Rev. Lewis Sabin,		

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, (N. S.,) next meeting at Philadelphia, third Tuesday of May, 1854 :—

Rev. E. Hitchcock, D. D.,	}	Primaries.
Rev. C. I. Hinsdale,		
Rev. A. L. Stone,	}	Substitutes.
Rev. Samuel Harris,		

To the General Conference of Maine, next meeting in Bangor, third Tuesday of June, 1854 :—

Rev. B. Emerson, D. D.,	}	Primaries.
Rev. Edward Beecher, D. D.,		
Rev. Elias Wells,	}	Substitutes.
Rev. B. F. Hosford,		

To the General Association of New Hampshire, next meeting at Littleton, fourth Tuesday of August, 1854 :—

Rev. Jonathan Edwards,	}	Primaries.
Rev. T. Packard, Jr.,		
Rev. Lyman Cutler.	}	Substitutes.
Rev. David Eastman,		

To the General Convention of Vermont :—

Rev. Mark Hopkins, D. D.,	}	Primaries.
Rev. J. B. Baldwin,		
Rev. A. M. Colton,	}	Substitutes.
Rev. J. M. Prince,		

To the Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island, next meeting in Providence, second Tuesday of June, 1854 :—

Rev. J. M. Hoppin,	}	Primaries.
Rev. E. Thurston,		
Rev. Jacob White,	}	Substitutes.
Rev. Osborn Myrick,		

To the General Association of Connecticut, next meeting at ———, third Tuesday of June, 1854 :—

Rev. Nehemiah Adams, D. D.,	}	Primaries.
Rev. H. M. Field,		
Rev. Lyman Whiting,	}	Substitutes.
Rev. John Todd,		

To the General Association of New York, next meeting at Owego, August 24, 1853 :—

Rev. E. Maltby,	}	Primaries.
Rev. J. H. Bisbee,		
Rev. C. Packard,	}	Substitutes.
Rev. Samuel Howe,		

To the General Association of Michigan, next meeting at Detroit, fourth Tuesday of May, 1854 :—

Rev. D. R. Cady,	}	Primaries.
Rev. J. J. Abbott,		
Rev. M. R. Cross,	}	Substitutes.
Rev. S. G. Buckingham,		

To the General Association of Wisconsin :—

Rev. Horace James, Primary.  
Rev. I. P. Langworthy, Substitute.

To the General Association of Illinois, next meeting at Chicago, third Tuesday of May, 1854 :—

Rev. J. W. Ward, Primary.

Rev. J. C. Webster, Substitute.

To the General Associations of California and Oregon :—

Rev. E. Davis, D. D., Primary.

Rev. J. S. Clark, D. D., Substitute.

To the Congregational Union of Canada :—

Rev. Willard Child, D. D.,	} Primaries.
Rev. G. W. Bourne,	
Rev. B. Tappan, Jr.,	} Substitutes.
Rev. A. E. P. Perkins,	

To the Congregational Union of England and Wales :—

Rev. J. H. Towne.

*Committee on Infant Baptism.*

*Voted*, That a Committee of three be appointed to ascertain the existing facts in reference to the baptism of infants in our Churches, inquire after causes of the neglect of infant baptism and present a report at the next meeting of this body.

Committee: Rev. Dr. N. Adams, George A. Oviatt and Samuel Harris.

*Doctrinal Tract and Book Society.*

*Resolved*, 1st, That this Association learn with pleasure that the Doctrinal Tract and Book Society are publishing valuable Theological books, including the works of the New England fathers and other distinguished writers, and that the Society design, as far as their means will permit, to furnish both our Foreign and Home Missionaries with their publications.

*Resolved*, 2d, That facts justify the conclusion that the want of books among some of this class of ministers is more afflictive to the Churches than the want of bread.

*Resolved*, 3d, That we commend this Society to the attention and contributions of benevolent individuals and of Churches in our connection.

*Resolutions on Sabbath Desecration.*

The Committee to which was referred the subject of action in relation to Sabbath Desecration, reported the following resolutions, which were, on motion, adopted :

*Resolved*, 1st, That as the sanctification of the Christian Sabbath is one of the firmest safeguards of society, as well as one of the highest requirements of religion, we, as Christians and citizens, express our strong disapproval of the transportation of the mail on the Lord's day.

*Resolved*, 2d, That we notice with great satisfaction the recent reported vote of the stockholders of the New Haven and New York Railroad Company, instructing the directors not to re-contract with the Post Office Department to carry the United States Mail on the Sabbath, and we would express the earnest hope that other railroad corporations would imitate this salutary example.

*Resolution on Peace.*

*Resolved*, That we cordially commend to the favor and co-operation of the Christian community, the special efforts now making by the friends of peace to secure permanent peace between this country and England, by a provision in the pending treaty between them, for the adjustment of all future misunderstandings by reference in the last resort to umpires instead of the sword.

*Resolution on Slaveholding.*

*Resolved*, That, in continuing our correspondence with Southern ecclesiastical bodies, this Association; so far from expressing any satisfaction with the practice of slaveholding, desire it to be understood, that in connection with other objects, it is for the purpose of bearing their continued and earnest testimony against the sin of slaveholding, and exerting their appropriate influence in favor of its speedy removal.

*Resolution in Relation to Publishing Societies.*

*Resolved*, That while the General Association of Massachusetts entertain a profound regard for our large publishing

Societies, and rejoice in the great good they are accomplishing, they would express an earnest desire that these societies would not make the subject of Slavery an exception in their efforts to rid the world of all iniquity by diffusing throughout it an evangelical literature, but would set forth in their publications the sentiments of our common Christianity on the enormous sin of slavery, with the same freedom and faithfulness with which they exhibit and rebuke all other sins.



## ABSTRACT OF NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

There is gratifying evidence of vitality in the Churches, and of peaceful and healthful growth. The accessions to individual Churches have in few cases been large ; but a larger number of Churches have been blest than in former years. The Colleges at Amherst and Williamstown, some of the academies, and the female schools at Mount Holyoke, Pittsfield, Great Barrington and Norton, have shared in these gentle effusions of the Spirit.

The ranks of the ministry have been repeatedly invaded by death,\* but many of the *fathers* still continue to strengthen the

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\* Rev. Oren Sykes, Pastor of the Congregational Church in Bedford, died Dec. 15, 1852, aged 47 years.

Rev. A. B. Warner, Pastor of the Mystic Church in Medford, died May 26, 1853, aged 39 years.

Rev. O. G. Hubbard, Pastor of the Church in Leominster, died Aug. 15, 1852, aged 45 years.

Rev. Orin Fowler, of Fall River, died at Washington, while member of the House of Representatives, September 4, 1852, aged 61 years.

Rev. George P. Smith, Pastor of the Old South Church in Worcester, died Sept. 3, 1852, aged 38 years.

Rev. Micah Stone, of Brookfield, died Sept. 21, 1852, aged 82 years, wanting one day

ministry by their counsels, and to bless the Churches by their wise and faithful labors. There are some evidences of an increasing sense of the value of the pastoral relation. Many Churches are giving a more ample support to their pastors than in former years. Several vacant pulpits have been filled with able men, on whose labors the seal of God's blessing has already been set.

Sabbath schools are generally flourishing ; and although the baptism of the children of the Church, and religious instruction in the family, are too often neglected, there are indications of increasing regard to these important duties.

There are evidences of progressive attachment to the great causes of Church benevolence, although the standard of liberality is still far below the point to which Christian love and devotedness are yet to raise it.

It is evident that much work remains to be done before the sale of liquors for intoxicating purposes will cease, and it cannot be too deeply impressed upon the minds of ministers and others, that, let civil legislation be the most perfect possible, they must long persevere in well-doing in reference to this matter, laboring the more strenuously as legislation becomes more stringent, not forgetting that the Gospel in men's hearts can alone rid us completely and finally of the evil.

## STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

ARRANGED IN THE ALPHABETICAL ORDER OF THE SEVERAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

N. B. The columns denoting Churches, Ministers and date of Settlement, correspond with the facts as they were supposed to exist when the last meeting of the General Association was held, June, 1853. The number of communicants is reported for 1st June preceding. In a few instances the number of church members has been supplied from the returns of the previous year,—though not till all reasonable efforts have failed to secure the present number.

## 1. Andover Association.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Andover, South,	1711	271	Charles Smith,		1852
“ West,	1826	224	C. H. Pierce,		1852
“ North,	1834	83	W. T. Briggs,		1846
“ Theol. Sem.			R. Emerson, D. D.		
Belmsford, North,	1824	88	B. F. Clark,		1839
Dracut, 1st Evan. ch.	1721	88	G. W. Thompson,		
“ West,	1797	102	B. Emerson,		1850
“ East,	1835	36	J. Merrill,		
Lawrence, 1st ch.	1847	152	H. M. Storrs,		1852
“ Central ch.	1849	147	W. C. Foster,		1852
Lowell, 1st ch.	1826	734	W. Child, D. D.		1845
“ Appleton-st. c.	1831	392	George Darling,		1852
“ John-st. ch.	1839	478	E. B. Foster,		1853
“ Kirk-st. ch.	1845	257	A. Blanchard, D. D.		1845
“ High-st. ch.	1846	151	J. H. Towne,		1847
Methuen,	1729	245	J. C. Phillips,		1839
Tewksbury,	1734	144	{ J. Coggin, R. Tolman,		1806 1852
Total, 17		4392	18		



## 2. Berkshire North Association.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Adams, North,	1827	208	R. Crawford,		1840
"    South,	1840	94	J. Jay Dana,		1848
Becket, North,	1849	92	C. H. Norton,		1851
Dalton,	1785	80	O. M. Sears,		1847
Hinsdale,	1795	185	P. K. Clark,		1852
Lanesboro,'	1764	54	C. Eddy,		el'ct.
Peru,	1770	167	J. Knight,		1836
Pittsfield, 1st,	1764	627	J. Todd, D. D.		1842
"    (colored),	1846	14	S. Harrison,		1850
"    South,	1850	173	S. Harris,		1851
Richmond,	1765	70	A. A. Whitmore,		
Washington,	1760	30	E. L. Clark,		1853
Williamstown,	1765	290	A. Peters, D. D.		1841
"    South,	1836	44	J. Bascom,		
"    College,	1834	43	M. Hopkins, D. D.		1836
Windsor,	1772	45	C. Peabody,		
Canaan, 4 corn., N. Y.		88	J. Wickes,		1848
Total, 17		2304	17		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Heman Humphrey, D. D., Pittsfield; Ebenezer Jennings, Dalton; Wellington H. Tyler, Principal of Young Ladies' Institute, Pittsfield; Dwight W. Marsh, Missionary, Mosul, Turkey; Marshall D. Sanders, Missionary, Ceylon; U. A. Wilder, Missionary, S. Africa; Russel S. Cook, Sec. Am. Tract Soc., New York; Ebenezer B. Andrews, Prof. Marietta College, Ohio; John Tatlock, Professor Williams College; N. H. Griffin, Professor Williams College; Joseph Alden, D. D., Professor Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.

## 3. Berkshire South Association.

Alford,	1846	28	T. Woodbridge, D. D.	S. S.
Becket, 1st ch.	1759	80	Z. Whitmore,	1852
Egremont,	1816	76	E. Clark,	1851
Great Barrington,	1753	216	S. S. N. Greeley,	1852
Housatonic,	1841	107	Vacant,	
Lee,	1780	367	Nahum Gale,	
Lenox,	1769	219	Harvey Neill,	1846
Monterey,	1750	94	Samuel Howe,	1844
New Marlboro', 1st ch.	1744	126	Richard T. Searl,	1852
"    Southfield,	1794	65	Otis Lombard,	1849
Otis,	1795	88	Henry A. Austin,	

## 3. Berkshire South Association.—Continued.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Sandisfield,	1756	208	Aaron Pickett,		1851
Sheffield,	1735	223	Vacant,		
Stockbridge,	1734	220	A. H. Dashiell, Jr.		1850
“ Curtisville,	1724	62	Winthrop H. Phelps,		1849
W. Stockbridge, Cen.	1789	85	Sidney Bryant,		1842
“ Village,	1832	120	Vacant,		
Austerlitz, N. Y.	1792	61	Samuel Utley,		1848
Total, 18		2445	15		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—John C. Brigham, D. D., Sec. Am. Bible Soc., New York; Josiah W. Turner, Gen. Agent Tract Soc., Maine; James Bradford, Sheffield; Thomas A. Hall, Principal of the Academy, Lee; Platt T. Holly, Teacher, Winstead, Con.; David D. Field, D. D., Bancroft Fowler and Noah Sheldon, Stock-Bridge; Rufus Pomeroy and Hugh Gibson, Otis; John Hotchkin, Lenox.

## 4. Brewster Association.

Chatham,	1710	146	N. S. Dickinson,		1852
Dennis, South,	1807	122	I. C. Thacher,		1852
Eastham,	1676	48	E. Chace,		
Harwich,	1744	112	M. H. Wilder,		1851
Orleans,	1719	140	J. White,		1841
Provincetown,	1714	38	O. Myrick,		1846
Sandwich, Puritan cong. ch.	1847	39	Giles Pease,		1850
Truro,	1711	103	E. W. Noble,		1849
“ North,	1842	22	S. J. M. Lord,		
Wellfleet,	1730	223	George Denham,		1853
“ South,	1833	142	E. Dow,		
Yarmouth,	1639	126	A. K. Packard,		1851
“ West,	1840	50	J. H. Wells,		1851
Total, 13		1311	13		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Nathaniel Cogswell, Yarmouth; E. Pratt, Brewster.

## 5. Bridgewater Association.

Bridgewater—					
Trin. ch.	1821	96	D. Brigham,		1845
“ Scotland ch.	1836	32	J. D. Farnsworth,		

**5. Bridgewater Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
E. Bridgewater—					
Trin. ch.	1849	37	B. Sanford,		1850
Middleboro', 1st ch.	1694	184	I. W. Putnam, D. D.		1835
" West,	1725	143	C. Chapman,		1851
Total, 5		492	5		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Otis Thompson, North Abington; Ebenezer Gay, and Stetson Raymond, Bridgewater; Enoch Sandford, Raynham.

**6. Brookfield Association.**

Brimfield,	1725	204	Jason Morse,		1849
Brookfield,	1756	130	J. K. Bragg,		1852
Charlton,	1760	86	John Haven,		
Dana, Centre,	1852	21	John Keep,		
Dudley,	1732	127	Joshua Bates, D. D.		1843
Hardwick,	1736	91	Martyn Tupper,		1852
Holland,	1765	47	Alvah C. Paige,		1851
New Braintree,	1754	114	John Fiske, D. D.		1796
North Brookfield,	1752	301	{ Thomas Snell, D. D.,		1798
			{ C. Cushing,		1851
Oakham,	1767	230	James Kimball,		1832
Southbridge,	1801	204	Eber Carpenter,		1835
Spencer,	1744	108	Vacant,		
Sturbridge,	1736	289	M. Beebee,		1852
Ware,	1751	134	David N. Coburn,		1842
" Village,	1826	221	T. G. Colton,		1852
Warren,	1743	142	I. H. Northrup,		1853
West Brookfield,	1717	222	G. Byington.		
Total, 17		2571	18		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Moses Miller and W. A. Nichols, Brookfield.

**7. Essex North Association.**

Amesbury, Mills,	1831	209	Vacant,		
" West,	1726	186	A. Paine,		1848
" and Salisbury,	1835	72	J. M. Bacon,		1851
Boxford, West,	1732	75	C. E. Park,		1846
Bradford, 1st ch.	1682	191	Vacant,		
Georgetown,	1732	158	{ Isaoo Braman,		1797
			{ J. M. Prince,		1847
Groveland,	1728		G. B. Perry, D. D.		1814

7. **Essex North Association.**—*Continued.*

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordin- ed.	Settled.
hill, Centre,	1833	172	B. F. Hosford,		1845
North,	1730		C. Tenney,		
East,	1743	29	Wales Lewis,		1849
West,	1735	111	A. Farwell,		1853
Winter-st. ch.	1839	72	L. S. Parkes,		1853
ch, 1st ch.	1634		{ D. T. Kimball,		1806
			{ R. Southgate,		1851
Linebrook,	1849	77	W. Holbrook,		1816
ury, 1st ch.	1635		L. Withington, D. D.		
Byfield ch.	1706	111	F. V. Tenney,		1850
uryp't, Belleville,	1808	180	D. T. Fiske,		1847
North ch.	1768	346	L. F. Dimmick, D. D.		1819
Temple st. ch.	1793		R. Campbell,		
Whitefield ch.	1850	122	S. J. Spaulding,		1851
ey,	1639	149	John Pike,		1840
ury, Hill,	1718		B. Sawyer,		
ewbury, 1st ch.	1698		Vacant,		
" 2d ch.	1731	161	J. Q. A. Edgell,		1832
Total, 24		2311	24		

8. **Essex South Association.**

ly, Washington- ch.	1837	128	A. B. Rich,		1852
ars, 2d ch.	1713	257	Vacant,		
3d ch.	1844	81	James Fletcher,		1849
, ester, Harbor,	1681	150	R. Crowell, D. D.		1814
North,	1829	129	Vacant,		
West,	1830	42	Edwin Seabury,		
lton,	1829	40	Levi Wheaton,		1850
ch, South,	1714	156	J. H. Mordough,		1850
field,	1747	207	Daniel Fitz,		1826
hester,	1715	39	U. W. Condit,		1850
eton,	1716	265	Rufus Taylor,		1852
port,	1729	181	J. A. Hood,		1850
rombic-st.	1755	328	W. Gale,		1836
Howard-st.	1832	230	J. M. Hoppin,		1850
Third ch.	1803	97	E. W. Allen,		1852
	1775	347	{ B. Emerson, D. D., J. E. Dwinell,		1805 1849
Total, 16		2689	15		

*out Pastoral Charge.*—David Tilton, North Chelsea; Alexan-  
J. Sessions, Boston.

## 9. Franklin Association.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Ashfield,	1763	180	Wm. H. Gilbert,		1851
Bernardston,	1824	63	Charles Kendall,		1844
Buckland,	1785	190	Asa B. Smith,		1848
Charlemont, East,	1845	80	Aaron Foster,		1850
"    West,	1788	87	Vacant,		
Colerain,	1750	42	Vacant,		
Conway,	1768	342	George M. Adams,		1851
Deerfield,	1835	85	Alfred E. Ives,		1849
"    South,	1818	86	Moses K. Cross,		1850
"    Monument ch.	1848	77	David A. Strong,		1849
Erving,	1832	21	Vacant,		
Gill,	1793	46	{ Josiah W. Canning,		1839
Greenfield, 1st,	1754	50	{ Edward F. Brooks,		1851
"    2d,	1817	181	A. Chandler, D. D.,		1832
Hawley, East,	1793	97	George C. Partridge,		1848
"    West,	1825	59	Henry Seymour,		1849
Heath,	1785	117	John Eastman,		1847
Montague,	1752	134	Alpheus Graves,		1851
Northfield,	1825	61	James H. Merrill,		1839
Orange,	1846	50	Vacant,		
"    North,	1843	28	David Peck,		1852
Rowe,	1833	28	Benjamin F. Clarke,		
Shelburne,	1770	125	Jeremiah Pomroy,		
"    Falls,	1850	77	{ T. Packard, D. D.,		1799
Shutesbury,	1740	48	{ T. Packard, Jr.,		1828
Sunderland,	1718	230	George F. Bronson,		1851
Warwick,	1829	56	James Tisdale,		
Wendell,	1744	66	Sereno D. Clark,		1853
			Roger C. Hatch,		1835
			Vacant,		
Total, 28		2706	25		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Samuel Bradford, Montague; John Ferguson, Whately; Horatio Flagg, Colerain; Lot B. Sullivan, Wendell; John D. Smith, West Charlemont; Samuel Ware, Shelburne; Lorenzo L. Longstroth, Greenfield.

## 10. Hampden East Association.

Chicopee, 1st,	1752	87	E. B. Clark,		1839
"    2d,	1830	151	Wm. Wright,		1852
"    3d,	1834	225	G. A. Oviatt,		1850
Longmeadow,	1716	183	J. W. Harding,		1850
"    East,	1831	103	Wm. E. Dixon,		1852

## 10. Hampden East Association.—Continued.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
w, 1st ch.	1789	158	J. W. Tuck,		4843
2d ch.	1847	14	E. B. Wright,		
on,	1762	333	{ A. Ely, D. D.		1806
er, 1st ch.	1730	101	{ C. B. Kittredge,		1846
2d ch.	1847	87	Sylvester Hine,		1851
Hadley, 2d ch.	1833	130	W. W. Belden,		
gfield, 1st ch.	1645	412	P. H. Snow,		1852
Hill,	1833	155	S. Osgood, D. D.		1809
North ch.	1846	134	Vacant,		
South ch.	1842	267	R. H. Seely,		1849
aham, North,	1741	202	S. G. Buckingham,		1847
" South,	1785	76	John Bowers,		1837
			E. S. Skinner.		1835
Total, 17		2820	16		

Without Pastoral Charge.—Rev F. A. Barton.

## 11. Hampden West Association.

ord,	1735	120	O. J. Hinsdale,		1836
er,	1765	70	David Breed,		1753
Factories,	1844	31	J. C. Strong,		
Village,	1846	57	T. Walker,		
ville, East,	1747	88	T. M. Cooley, D. D.,		1796
" West,	1786	74	F. Norwood,		
oke, 1st,	1799	60	Simeon Miller,		1846
" 2d,	1849	34	Richard Knight,		1853
gomery,	1797	24	J. C. Thompson,		
wick,	1773	98	Vacant,		
nd,	1797	99	F. D. Austin,		1853
field,	1679	415	E. Davis, D. D.,		1836
Springfield,	1698	246	H. M. Field,		1851
Agawam,	1819	118	Ralph Perry,		1847
Feeding Hills,	1762	85	Stephen D. Ward,		1853
Mettineague,	1850	40	Henry Cooley.		1853
Total, 16		1659	15		

## 12. Hampshire Association.

erfield,	1764	59	Samuel W. Barnum,		1853
nington, 1st.	1771	67	James D. Chapman,		1844
" Village,	1838	99	Theodore J. Clark,		
" West,	1840	87	Joseph B. Baldwin,		1841
Hampton, 1st ch.	1787	230	{ Payson Williston,		1789
			{ A. M. Colton,		1853

**12. Hampshire Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized	Members.	Ministers	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
East Hamp'n Payson ch.	1852	100	Rollin S. Stone,		1852
Goshen,	1788	140	Vacant,		
Hatfield,	1670	259	Jared O. Knapp,		1853
Middlefield,	1792	91	Henry Herrick,		
Northampton, 1st,	1661	567	J. P. Cleaveland, D. D.,		1853
"    Edwards ch.	1833	235	Gordon Hall,		1852
Norwich,	1781	151	John R. Miller,		1848
Plainfield,	1789	144	D. B. Bradford,		1852
Southampton,	1743	345	Vacant,		
West Hampton,	1779	163	Stephen C. Strong,		
Whately, 1st,	1771	132	C. N. Seymour,		1853
"    2d,	1842	87	Jonathan S. Judd,		1843
Williamsburg,	1773	252	Edward W. Root,		1850
"    Haydenville,	1851	66	Edward Sweet,		1851
Worthington,	1771	216	John H. Bisbee,		1838
Total, 20		3580	19		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—C. Knight, Hatfield; W. A. Hawley, Plainfield; E. B. Wright, Ludlow; M. E. White, Northampton; R. Crossett, Goshen; E. Clapp, S. Lyman, and O. Warner, Easthampton; W. A. Hallock, D. D., Sec. Am. Tract Soc., New York; H. J. Gaylord, Norwich, Ct.; J. C. Thompson, Holyoke; and J. H. Temple, Farmingham.

**13. Hampshire East Association.**

Amherst, West,	1739	350	Vacant,		
"    North,	1826	140	G. E. Fisher,		1852
"    East,	1782	160	C. L. Woodworth,		1849
"    South,	1824	128	J. L. Merrick,		1849
"    College ch.	1826	462	E. Hitchcock, D. D.,		1845
Belchertown,	1739	424	Vacant,		
Enfield,	1790	390	R. McEwen,		1842
Granby,	1762	295	Vacant,		
Greenwich,	1749	153	E. P. Blodget,		1843
Hadley, 1st par.	1659	166	R. Ayres,		1848
"    2d par.	1831	111	W. H. Beaman,		1841
"    3d par.	1841	101	J. Woodbridge, D. D.,		1842
Leverett,	1784	100	David Eastman,		1840
Pelham,	1837	38			
Prescott,	1823	48	E. Gilbert.		1853
South Hadley, 1st par.	1733	231	E. Y. Swift,		1852
Total, 16		3122	12		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—J. W. Curtis, Hadley; G. H. Patrick, G. Sanford, G. Nash, Amherst; D. Goodsell, East Haven; L. B. Sullivan

**14. Harmony Association.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Easton,	1841	68	J. W. Backus,		1852
' Millville,	1836		Vacant,		
Mass,	1747	45	David Holman,		
' East,	1834	126	J. L. Maynard,		1852
Mon,	1731	290	Thomas C. Biscoe,		1838
Wbury, 1st ch.	1747	169	N. Beach,		1837
' 2d ch.	1827	259	Leverett Briggs,		1847
' Grass Hill,		55	Vacant,		
Northbridge,	1782	105	William Bates,		1845
' Whitinsville,	1834	129	Lewis F. Clark,		1842
North,	1720	194	George Lyman,		1851
North,	1735	257	William Warren,		1849
Northbridge,	1731	155	J. J. Abbott,		1850
Northster.	1838	141	Vacant.		
Total. 14		1988	11		

*without Pastoral Charge.*—M. Burdett, Woodstock, Ct.; Daniel Atler, Westboro'; Sidney Holman, West Millbury; L. Cary, Cincinnati, Ohio.

**15. Mendon Association.**

North,	1839	42	J. Haskell,		1850
North,	1779	121	Vacant,		
North,	1738	195	Samuel Hunt,		1850
North,	1728	254	J. T. Tucker,		1849
Northfield,	1838	82	M. Blake,		1839
Northfield,	1828	91	T. T. Richmond,		1842
Northfield, East,	1714	126	John O. Means,		1851
Northfield, West,	1750	183	Jacob Ide, D. D.,		1814
Northfield, Village,	1838	176	David Sanford,		1838
Northfield,	1741	127	J. T. Woodbury,		1852
Northfield,	1826	169	Vacant,		
Northfield, 1st,	1692	252	William L. Ropes,		1853
' North.	1788	34	John Dwight.		1853
Total, 13		1853	11		

*without Pastoral Charge.*—Charles Simmons, North Wrentham; A. Reed, Webster; D. J. Poor, Hopkinton; S. Harding, Boston; Thomas Williams, Providence, R. I.

**16. Middlesex South Association.**

North,	1835	135	Wm. M. Thayer,		1849
North,	1826	100	L. H. Angier,		
North, Northham,	1771	215	J. C. Bodwell,		1852



**16. Middlesex South Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Hopkinton,	1724	167	J. C. Webster,		1838
Lincoln,	1747	88	W. C. Jackson,		1848
Marlboro',	1666	141	Vacant,		
Natick,	1802	157	Elias Nason,		1852
Needham, West,	1798	95	Vacant,		
Saxonville,	1834	130	B. G. Northrup,		1847
Sherburne,	1685	179	Edmund Dowse,		1838
Southboro',	1731	165	D. M. Elwood,		
Stow,	1839	52	Vacant,		
Sudbury,	1640	165	Charles V. Spear,		1852
" Assabet,	1852		Vacant,		
Wayland.	1828	103	Henry Allen.		1852
Total, 15		1905	11		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—I. N. Tarbox, Sec. Am. Ed., Society,  
Boston.

**17. Middlesex Union Association.**

Acton,	1832	312	Benjamin Dodge,		1852
Ashby,	1776	170	C. W. Wood.		1839
Boxboro',			Vacant,		
Dunstable,	1757	105	D. Adams,		1850
Fitchburg,	1768	117	G. B. Wilcox,		1853
Groton,	1664	183	E. A. Bulkley,		1850
Harvard,	1733	142	George Fisher,		1821
Lancaster,	1839	80	C. Packard,		1840
Leominster,	1822	205	J. S. Bingham,		1851
Littleton,	1840	38	Vacant,		
Lunenburg,	1835	96	E. R. Hodgman,		1852
Pepperell,	1747	292	L. Cutler,		1851
Shirley,	1828	29	Vacant,		
Townsend,	1734	282	L. H. Sheldon,		1844
Westford,	1828	152	Thomas Wilson.		1853
Total, 15		2403	13		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Leonard Luce, Westford.

**18. Norfolk Association.**

Abington, 1st,	1712	129	J. W. Ward,		1834
" 2d,	1807	173	Goldsmith,		1853
" 3d,	1813	127	H. D. Walker,		1844
" North,	1839	105	Isaac C. White,		1850
Berkley, Tr. cong. ch.	1848	29	L. R. Eastman,		

## 18. Norfolk Association.—Continued.

Churches.	Organized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Settled.
tree, 1st,	1707	174	R. S. Storrs, D. D.		1811
South,	1829	82	Wm. B. Hammond,		1849
and Weymouth,	1811	170	Jonas Perkins,		1815
n,	1828		S. Clark,		1851
asset, 2d ch.	1824	89	F. A. Reed,		1848
am South,	1736	79	M. M. Colburn,		1853
ester, 2d ch.	1828	302	James H. Means,		1848
' Village,	1829	177	D. T. Noyes,		1853
W. Bridgewater,	1826	117	P. B. Wilcox,		1851
n,	1711	118	L. Sheldon, D. D.		1810
ver,	1728	63	A. G. Duncan,		1833
on,	1749	66	S. L. Rockwood,		1840
ham, Evang. ch.	1847	21	E. Porter Dyer,		1849
n, 1st ch.	1678	117	Albert K. Teele,		1850
Railway,	1843	35	E. Leonard,		1852
i Bridgewater,	1736	138	Paul Couch,		1835
" Porter Ev. ch.	1850	166	C. L. Mills,		1852
" South ch.	1836	84	Vacant,		
y,	1832	103	Nelson Clark,		1850
olph,	1731	131	C. M. Cordley,		1852
' East	1821	129	E. Russell,		1850
ate, North,	1634	81	Daniel Wight, Jr.		1842
n,	1741	102	L. R. Phillips,		1841
ghton, 1st ch.	1844	143	Albert Perry,		1851
nouth, North, 1st,	1615	202	Joshua Emery, Jr.		1838
' South, 2d,	1723	89	James P. Terry,		1848
' Union ch.	1842	76	Willard M. Harding,		1847
' North, Pilgrime.	1852		Calvin Terry,		1852
Total, 33		3694	32		

out Pastoral Charge.—C. Hitchcock, D. D., Wrentham David  
er, Albany, N. Y.; Willard Pierce, Abington; D. Powers, and  
Huntington.

## 19. Old Colony Association.

nouth, South,	1807	104	Wm. A. Mandell,		1846
rtown,			William J. Breed,		S. S.
aven,	1794	197	Jacob Roberts,		1839
n,	1686	54	Leander Cobb,		1841
leboro', Central,	1847	113	Vacant,		
ucket,	1767	354	B. Judkins,		1851
Bedford, 1st ch.	1696	60	D. C. Burt,		1835
' North,	1807	287	A. Eldridge,		1847
' Trinit.	1830	154	Wheelock Craig,		1850

**19. Old Colony Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
New Bedford, Pacific,	1844	50	Timothy Stowe,		
Rochester, Centre,	1686	100	E. W. Harrington,		1850
“ Mattapoisett,	1740	146	Wm. L. Mather,		1851
“ North,	1758	25	Isaac Briggs,		1836
Wareham,	1739	93	Homer Barrows,		1852
Total, 13		1747	12		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—William Gould, Fairhaven; Samuel Nott, Jr., Wareham; James A. Roberts, Middleboro'; Samuel Beane, Little Compton, R. I.; Nathaniel Cobb, Chilmark.

**20. Pilgrim Association.**

Carver,	1733	89	Stillman Pratt,		1851
Halifax,	1734	46	Edward P. Kimball,		1852
Kingston,	1828	82	Joseph Peckham,		1842
Marshfield, North,	1835	36	Sumner Clark,		1851
“ South,	1632	61	Ebenezer Alden, Jr.		1850
Plymouth, Manomet,	1738	123	Daniel H. Babcock,		1853
“ Pilgrimage,	1801	137	Charles S. Porter,		1845
“ Chiltonville,	1815	94	Alexander Duncanson,		
Plympton,	1698	87	Charles Livingston,		1851
Total, 9		755	8		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Timothy Davis, Kingston.

**21. Salem Association.**

Beverly, Dane st.	1802		Joseph Abbott,		1834
“ 4th ch.	1834	25	Vacant,		
Boxford, 1st ch.	1702	82	Wm. S. Coggin,		1838
Danvers, 1st ch.	1689	137	M. P. Braman, D. D.		1826
Lynn, 1st ch.	1632	214	Parsons Cook, D. D.		1836
“ Central,	1850	73	A. R. Baker,		1851
Marblehead,	1684	333	E. A. Lawrence,		1845
Salem, Tabernacle ch.	1735	406	S. M. Worcester, D. D.		1834
Saugus,	1732	29	L. Brigham,		1851
Swampscott,	1846	32	J. B. Clark,		
Topsfield,	1663	150	A. McLoud,		1841
Wenham,	1644	127	J. Taylor,		1847
Total, 12		1608	11		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Allen Gannett and Joseph Tracy, Beverly.

**22. Suffolk North Association.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Boston, Old South ch.	1669		G. W. Blagden, D. D.		1836
" Bowdoin st.	1825	443	J. B. Waterbury, D. D.		1846
" Central ch.	1841	456	George Richards,		1845
Cambridge, 1st ch.	1636	256	J. A. Albro, D. D.		1835
Cambridgeport, 1st ch.	1827	288	W. A. Stearns, D. D.		1831
Cambridge East,	1842	115	Joseph L. Bennett,		1852
Charlestown, 1st ch.	1632	271	W. I. Budington,		1840
" Winthrop ch.	1833	342	Benjamin Tappan, Jr.		1848
Chelsea, Winnisimmet,	1841	213	I. P. Langworthy,		1841
" Broadway ch.	1851	140	J. A. Copp,		1852
Malden, 1st ch.	1649	88	A. C. Adams,		1852
" Winthrop ch.	1848	56	F. G. Pratt,		1849
Medford, Mystic ch.	1847	119	A. B. Warner,		1847
Needham, Grantville,	1847	56	W. Barrows,		1850
Newton, 1st ch.	1664	108	D. L. Furber,		1847
" 2d ch.	1781	113	L. Gilbert, D. D.		1828
" Eliot ch.	1845	111	W. S. Leavitt,		1845
" Auburndale ch.	1850		Vacant,		
North Chelsea,	1828	16	Vacant,		
Waltham, Tr. cong. ch.	1820		John Whitney,		1837
Total, 20		3273	19		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—E. A. Park, D. D. Andover; R. Anderson, D. D., G. C. Beckwith, D. D., S. Bliss, A. Bullard, D. Clark, W. M. Cornell, W. Jenks, D. D., S. L. Pomeroy, D. D., H. Winslow, Boston: W. Bushnell, Newton; J. Curtis, Charlestown.

**23. Suffolk South Association.**

Boston, Park-st. ch.	1809	603	A. L. Stone,		1849
" Essex-st.	1822	469	N. Adams, D. D.		1834
" Salem-st.	1827	508	E. Beecher, D. D.		1844
" Pine-st.	1827	247	H. M. Dexter,		1849
" Mariners' ch.	1830	57	G. W. Bourne,		1849
" Mt. Vernon,	1842	603	E. N. Kirk,		1842
" Shawmut,	1845	158	Vacant,		
" Edwards ch.	1849	110	Vacant,		
" Phillips ch.	1823	251	John J. Miter,		1853
" Maverick,	1836	265	R. W. Clark,		1851
Brighton,	1827	132	A. Swazey,		1847
Brookline,	1844	87	M. M. Smith,		1851

**23. Suffolk South Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Minist'rs.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Roxbury, Eliot ch.	1834	284	A. C. Thompson,		1842
" West,	1835	67	T. Laurie,		1851
Total, 14		3841	14		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Louis Dwight, Sec. Pris. Dis. Soc.; Selah B. Treat, Sec. A. B. C. F. M.; J. S. Clark, D. D., Sec. Mass. Home Miss. Soc.; S. H. Riddell, Editor, J. E. Woodbridge, Editor, and Lyman Beecher, D. D. Boston; C. Marsh, West Roxbury; Austin Phelps, Prof. Theol. Sem., Andover; G. H. Hastings, Missionary, Rome, Italy.

**24. Taunton Association.**

Attleboro', 2d ch.	1748	241	Jonathan Crane,		1836
" West,	1737	86	S. B. Morley,		1851
Berkley, 1st ch.	1737	136	Vacant,		
Dighton,	1710	51	E. Newton, Jr.		
Fall River, Central ch.	1842	188	Eli Thurston,		1849
Freetown,	1809	31	Vacant,		
Middleboro', North,	1748	114	T. E. Bliss,		1852
Norton,	1832	137	Franklin Holmes,		1852
Pawtucket,	1829	245	C. Blodgett,		1836
Raynham,	1731	134	Robert Carver,		1847
Rehoboth,	1721	89	C. P. Grosvenor,		
Seekonk,	1644	82	James O. Barney,		1824
Taunton, East,	1653	13	N. Richardson,		
" Trin. cong. ch.	1821	364	E. Maltby,		1826
" West, 1st ch.	1637	100	Alvan Cobb,		1815
" Winslow ch.	1837	158	S. H. Emery,		1837
Total, 16		2169	14		

**25. Vineyard Sound Association.**

Barnstable, West,	1634	61	H. Carlton,		
" Centreville,	1825	83	E. Bacon,		1840
Chilmark,	1715	21	N. Cobb,		
Falmouth, 1st ch.	1708	236	H. B. Hooker,		1837
" East,	1821	44	A. C. Childs,		
" North,	1833	98	Cyrus Mann,		
" East, 2d,	1849	49	S. F. Beard,		
Cotuit & Herring Pond,	1670	25	P. Fish,		1811
Sandwich,	1638	105	E. Wells,		1847
" Monument,	1833	44	Vacant,		
Tisbury, Holmes Hole,	1844	20	W. H. Sturtevant,		
" West,	1673	54	S. Cole,		
Total, 12		840	11		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—A. Cobb, Sandwich.

**26. Woburn Association.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Minist'rs.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Bedford,	1730	172	Vacant,		
Billerica,	1821	58	J. G. D. Stearns,		1843
Burlington,	1735	50	E. Moody,		
Carlisle,	1781	53	J. Lawrence,		1853
Medford, 2d ch.	1823	145	E. P. Marvin,		1852
Reading, North,	1720	64	T. Newton,		1853
"    Old South,	1771	127	L. Whiting,		1851
"    Bethesda ch.	1849	148	W. H. Beecher,		1853
South Reading,	1645	129	Reuben Emerson,		1804
Stoneham,	1729	128	W. C. Whitcomb,		1850
West Cambridge,	1842	96	Francis Horton,		1848
Wilmington,	1733	111	J. E. Swallow,		1851
Winchester,	1840	197	R. I. Robinson,		1852
Woburn, 1st ch.	1642	445	Jonathan Edwards,		1848
"    North.	1849	49	G. T. Dole,		1852
Total, 15		1972	11		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Samuel Sewall and H. G. Park, Burlington; Preserved Smith, Carlisle; George Gannett, West Cambridge.

**28. Worcester Central Association.**

Auburn,	1776	150	Charles Chamberlain,	1851
Barre,	1827	196	C. M. Nichols,	1851
Berlin,	1779	121	Vacant,	
Boylston,	1743	122	Wm. H. Sandford,	1832
Clinton,	1844	181	Vacant,	
Holden,	1742	341	Wm. P. Paine,	1833
Leicester,	1721	222	{ John Nelson, D. D.	1812
			{ A. C. Denison,	1851
Northboro',	1832	89	S. S. Ashley,	1852
Oxford,	1721	222	Horatio Bardwell,	1836
Paxton,	1767	108	Wm. Phipps,	1840
Princeton,	1764	126	H. Wickes,	1852
Rutland,	1727	185	Vacant,	
Shrewsbury,	1723	259	N. W. Williams,	1849
Sterling,	1852	37	W. B. Greene,	
Westboro',	1724	389	Daniel R. Cady,	1849
West Boylston,	1796	247	Joseph W. Cross,	1840
Worcester, 1st par.	1719	363	Horace James,	1853
"    Calvinist,	1820	332	Seth Sweetser, D. D.	1838

**27. Worcester Central Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled
Worcester, Union,	1836	434	Elam Smally, D. D.		1838
“ Salem st.	1848	194	George Bushnell.		1848
Total, 20		4328	19		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Rodney A. Miller, Worcester; Henry B. Holmes, Agent of Am. Tract Society, Andover; Isaac R. Worcester; Dist. Sec. A. B. C. F. M., Boston; M. G. Pratt, Agent Am. Col. Soc., Andover; A. Houghton, Berlin; Preston Cummings, Leicester.

**28. Worcester North Association.**

Ashburnham,	1760	147	F. A. Fiske,		1831
“ North,	1845	58	J. D. Wesley,		
Athol,	1750	144	J. F. Norton,		1852
Gardner, 1st,	1786	62	J. C. Paine,		1848
“ 2d,	1826	140	A. Stowell,		
Hubbardston,	1770	150	C. W. Allen,		1852
New Salem,	1845	24	W. H. Hayward,		1848
Petersham,	1830	112	A. B. Foster,		1853
Phillipston,	1785	185	A. E. P. Perkins,		1844
Royalston, 1st ch.	1766	109	E. W. Bullard,		1852
“ South,	1837	70	George Goodyear,		1849
Templeton,	1832	128	Lewis Sabin,		1837
Westminster,	1744	310	O. H. White,		1851
Winchendon, 1st ch.	1762	106	John Storrs,		1849
“ North,	1843	131	A. P. Marvin,		1844
Total, 15		1876	15		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Ebenezer Perkins, Royalston; S. S. Smith, Agent Amer. and For. Chris. Union, Northampton.

## SUMMARY.

Associations.	Ch'rchs.	Pastors.	Stated supplies.	Vacant ch'ches.	Ministers without charge.	Members.	Admissions in 1889.	Removals in 1889.
Andover,	17	16	2			4492	340	162
Berkshire North,	17	14	3		12	2304	123	116
Berkshire South,	18	13	2	3	11	2445	133	136
Brewster,	13	10	3		2	1311	41	45
Bridgewater,	5	4	1		4	492	2	14
Brookfield,	17	15	2	2	2	2571	268	124
Essex North.	24	20	3	3		2391	108	78
Essex South,	16	14	1	2	2	2689	78	70
Franklin,	28	22	3	5	7	2606	176	161
Hampden East,	17	15	2	1	1	2820	179	99
Hampden West,	16	10	5	1		1659	70	56
Hampshire,	20	16	3	2	12	3580	88	211
Hampshire East,	16	12	1	3	6	3122	98	70
Harmony,	14	10	1	3	4	1988	62	62
Mendon,	13	11		2	5	1853	141	66
Middlesex South,	15	11		4	1	1805	123	54
Middlesex Union,	15	12	1	3	1	2403	134	78
Norfolk,	33	31	1	1	5	3694	138	169
Old Colony,	13	11	2	1	5	1747	75	81
Pilgrim,	9	8	1		1	755	21	31
Salem,	12	10	1	1	2	1608	33	44
Suffolk North,	20	18		2	12	3273	340	135
Suffolk South,	14	12		2	9	3841	497	199
Taunton,	16	11	3	2		2169	76	42
Vineyard Sound,	12	4	7	1	1	840	73	19
Woburn,	15	13	1	1	4	1972	137	75
Worcester Central,	22	19	1	2	6	4323	233	229
Worcester North.	15	15	2		2	1876	114	70
Total, 28	462	377	52	46	117	66644	3889	2706



# SCRIBES AND REGISTRARS OF THE SEVERAL ASSOCIATIONS.

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GENERAL ASSOCIATION,	E. Davis, D. D., <i>Westfield</i> .
Andover Association,	Benjamin F. Clark, <i>Chelmsford</i> .
Berkshire North,	Robert Crawford, <i>North Adams</i> .
Berkshire South,	A. H. Dasheill, <i>Stockbridge</i> .
Brewster,	A. K. Packard, <i>Yarmouth</i> .
Bridgewater,	Baalis Sanford, <i>East Bridgewater</i> .
Brookfield,	J. C. Morse, <i>Brimfield</i> .
Essex North,	D. K. Kimball, <i>Ipswich</i> .
Essex South,	James Fletcher, <i>North Danvers</i> .
Franklin,	Theophilus Packard, Jr., <i>Shelburne</i> .
Hampden East,	E. B. Clark, <i>Chickopee</i> .
Hampden West,	E. Davis, D. D., <i>Westfield</i> .
Hampshire,	J. S. Judd, <i>Whately</i> .
Hampshire East,	Rowland Ayers, <i>Hadley</i> .
Harmony,	Thomas C. Biscoe, <i>Grafton</i> .
Mendon,	Thomas T. Richmond, <i>Medfield</i> .
Middlesex South,	W. M. Thayer, <i>Ashland</i> .
Middlesex Union,	Lyman Cutler, <i>Pepperell</i> .
Norfolk,	Samuel L. Rockwood, <i>Hanson</i> .
Old Colony,	William A. Mandell, <i>South Dartmouth</i> .
Pilgrim,	Ebenezer Alden, Jr., <i>Marshfield</i> .
Salem,	Allen Gannett, <i>Beverly</i> .
Suffolk North,	F. G. Pratt, <i>Melrose</i> .
Suffolk South,	A. L. Stone, <i>Boston</i> .
Taunton,	Franklin Holmes, <i>Norton</i> .
Vineyard Sound,	A. Cobb, <i>Sandwich</i> .
Woburn,	R. T. Robinson, <i>Winchester</i> .
Worcester Central,	D. R. Cady, <i>Westboro'</i> .
Worcester North,	John C. Paine <i>Gardner</i> .

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THE OLD SOUTH,  
BOSTON, MASS.





## SKETCH OF THE OLD SOUTH CHURCH, BOSTON.

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BY REV. L. WHITING,—READING.

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The history of this Church, is the history in germ, of New England Congregationalism. Probably no church is in existence, having its origin in agitations so deep and so far-reaching in their consequences. The final struggle between Church and State in America gave it existence.

SEC. I.—ITS ORIGIN.—The Second General Court of Mass. Bay, 1631, made an order—that, “for the time to come, no one should be admitted to the freedom of the body politic, but such as were church members.” Deep discontent met this order at the outset. Emigration increased the number of non-pro-  
fessors. After fifteen years endurance, a vigorous petition for its extinction was framed and numerous signed. The Court was incensed. Papers were seized, and the signers fined—  
‘some in larger, some in lesser sums ; two or three of the magistrates dissenting.’”

Relief from the oppression was next sought, in the opinion, now arising, that all baptized persons, not scandalous in life, should be recognized as church-members in all things but participation of the Lord’s Supper. This roused a new contest in the Colonies, especially in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Under its pressure the Court of Massachusetts in 1657, advised a General Council, and sought the opinion of the other Courts. Connecticut acceded and chose four delegates. The Council met in Boston, June, 1657. Seventeen questions were proposed, mostly on baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Their result



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church was located in Summer street, called the "New South Church," since which time this has borne the name—"Old South."

This first edifice remained 60 years. In Oct., 1727, a proposal was made for enlarging the house. Two plans arose from this—one to repair, another to re-build. A vote was gained the next Feb'y., 46 to 20, to re-build. A minority tried, but failed to rescind the vote. Friday, 28th Feb. was kept as a day of fasting and prayer, in reference to taking down the old and building a new house. March 2, Rev. Mr. SEWALL preached the last sermons in the old building to "a very great assembly." The next day he prayed with the workmen, and they proceeded to demolish the building. Some of the beams were found so much decayed that it was "apprehended" that the assemblies the previous day "had a very gracious preservation."

The opposition gave way at sight of the rotten timbers. March 31, 1729, the foundation for the new, the present edifice, was begun; and May 7, N. S., 1730, the building was dedicated, or *occupied*, both pastors preaching with reference to it. The tradition is that the mortar was all made the autumn before it was used, and that the workmen were never delayed an hour by rain while erecting it; the season being no less rainy than usual, but it always rained in the night. In the spring of 1775, the British army closed the gates of the town, and in the winter of that year used this house as a riding school for a regiment of cavalry. The pulpit, pews and galleries—except the eastern,—were taken out and used as fuel; and many of Rev. Mr. PRINCE's books and MSS., left in his study in the tower of the church, were burnt as kindling. "Many hundred loads of gravel were carted in, and spread upon the floor." A bar for liquors was kept in the eastern gallery for general use.

In March, '76, the house was relieved of these profanations—more spiteful probably from its bearing the title of "The Sanctuary of Freedom," on account of meetings held there by the patriots. For five years the house remained as the spoilers left it; the congregation after their dispersion worshipping in

King's Chapel, until 1783, when it was repaired, and the congregation returned to it. It has been frequently repaired since, but not materially changed.

A CHAPEL of wood was first used in 1816, and in 1827 the present brick structure was set up in its place. On the land originally given by Mrs Norton, stood the mansion of Gov. Winthrop; this was used as a parsonage until demolished by the British in the winter of '76 and 7. They cut down also a fine row of trees on the lot, and all were used as fuel. In 1710 another parsonage house had been built on Milk street. This stood 100 years. In 1810 two new houses were built on its site, and occupied by the pastors until a few years ago.

SEC. III.—MINISTERS.—REV. THOMAS THATCHER, first Pastor, was installed Feb. 16, 1669. He died Oct. 15, 1678, aged 58. He was son of a clergyman in Salisbury, England—chose to emigrate to America rather than join the English University at the age of fifteen.

He was distinguished in Hebrew, Arabic, and Syriac. For the first named he made a lexicon. He was also skilled in medicine, and published the first medical tract printed in Massachusetts.

REV. SAMUEL WILLARD was installed colleague April 10, 1678, six months before the death of Mr. T. He was chosen President of Harvard College 1707—was one of the most eminent ministers of N. E. His "Body of Divinity" was the first "body" and the first folio published in America.

He died Sept. 12, 1707.

REV. EBENEZER PEMBERTON became Associate Pastor, Aug. 28, 1700. An octavo volume of his sermons was published. He died at the age of 45, in 1716.

Sept. 16, 1713, MR. JOSEPH SEWALL was settled as colleague with Rev. Mr. P. He survived three colleagues and died in his 81st year.

In 1724 he was chosen to the Presidency of Harvard, but declined on account of his love to the ministry.

REV. THOS. PRINCE became his colleague, Oct., 1718. They were class-mates. Prince spent some years in Europe, and had

been earnestly solicited to settle in England. He began early to collect the historical materials of the country, and was engaged through his life in adding to them. Forty years SEWALL and PRINCE toiled in their joint pastorate, and the picture of their collegueship that survives, has no parallel in true, noble and beautiful fidelity. They were the pastors when the present meeting-house was built. In their day Whitfield came, and found a warm welcome from them, and, as one of them records—"he changed the town." Their names are a blessed fragrance to that church, and to all the churches in New England. Rev. MR. PRINCE died Oct. 22, 1758, at the age of 72. Rev. ALEXANDER CUMMING was settled in his place. He was a native of New Jersey, and educated there. He died Aug. 25, 1763, aged 36, after a ministry of little more than two years.

Rev. SAMUEL BLAIR, of New Jersey, succeeded as colleague, Nov. 26, 1766. Ten months after his settlement he was elected President of Princeton College, but declined in favor of Rev. DR. WITHERSPOON. He was reduced by severe sickness in the summer of 1769, and dismissed Oct. 10, of the same year. He never resumed preaching, though he lived until 1818.

The venerable SEWALL entered his rest the summer of Mr. Blair's sickness, June 27. His old age was peculiarly beautiful.

Nearly two years of destitution followed, when, Sept. 25, 1771, two pastors were settled at the same time.

Rev. JOHN BACON, and Mr. JOHN HUNT. They both were natives of N. E., but men of diverse tempers. Rev. Mr. BACON failed to satisfy the people, and was dismissed, Feb. 1775. He afterwards became a distinguished civilian. Rev. Mr. HUNT being shut out of the city by the British, on returning from a visit retired to Northampton, where he died in Dec., 1775, aged 31. After the dispersion of the inhabitants by the British troops, worship was for a time suspended, but in 1779, Mr. JOSEPH ECKLEY was ordained. During his ministry the pangs preceding the great unitarian strife were endured. A friend of revivals of religion, he met open resistance to his pur-

poses for promoting them in his church. He was sole pastor until May 18, 1808, when Mr. JOSHUA HUNTINGTON was ordained a colleague. Dr. Eckley died April 30, 1811. Rev. Mr. Huntington continued pastor until his death, Sept. 11, 1819.

FEB. 21, 1821, B. B. WISNER was settled. After eleven years service as pastor, he was dismissed, Nov. 12, 1832, to engage as Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M. He died in that service, Feb. 9, 1835. SAMUEL H. STEARNS was ordained, April 16, 1834, "but in two or three Sabbaths his strength wholly failed." He went abroad and died in Paris, May 15, 1838.

The present pastor, REV. G. W. BLAGDEN, was installed Sept. 28, 1836.

Thus, for a period of 184 years, this church has had a ministry of only 14 pastors, of whom 6 were ordained and 8 installed. Nine of these were colleagues. Three of them died under the age of 40 years, three of them were chosen to the headship of colleges, nearly all of them have been distinguished authors, and all the number are believed to have been evangelical in doctrine, some of them eminently so.

Thus this patriarch of Congregational churches stands, by its history, its great past character, its eminent ministry, its present wealth and influence, a worthy representative of that model of church organization, in which each member has free and equal rights, not to be invaded by foreign judicatures, misled by partial testimony, obscured by distance, and entangled by forms which the Holy Scriptures neither describe nor justify.

May generations to come enjoy and increase the honors of this ancestry.

## ANDOVER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

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BY REV. J. L. TAYLOR,—*Treasurer.*

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This Seminary was founded in 1808, in connection with Phillips' Academy, and under the supervision of the same Board of Trustees, together with a Board of Visitors, established by the Founders.

In connection with the endowment of its Professorships, the Institution has been furnished, by the great liberality of a few of its early benefactors, with dwelling houses for the Professors, Halls containing about 60 rooms for students, a Chapel, Library-room and Lecture-rooms, together with such other buildings as have been needed. The Library has been collected with great care, and enriched from year to year by the addition of valuable works, and there are funds to a considerable amount, the income of which must be appropriated to its further increase and only for this purpose. The present No. of vols. in the Library is about 19,000, and there are also Society Libraries of miscellaneous works, containing about 4000 volumes more.

There are at present *five* acting Professors, the departments of Sacred Literature having recently been divided, and a new Professor inducted. The course of study prescribed is as follows :

## JUNIOR CLASS.

*Sacred Literature.*—Stuart's Hebrew Grammar.—Hackett's Hebrew Exercises.—Stuart's Hebrew Chrestomathy.—Written

Exercises, including translations from English into Hebrew.—Study of the Hebrew Bible.—Principles of Hermeneutics.—Biblical Geography and Antiquities. New Testament Greek and Interpretation of the Four Gospels.—In the Summer Term, Interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures.—Greek Pauline Epistles.—Critical and Exegetical Compositions.

## MIDDLE CLASS.

Lectures on *Christian Theology*.—Compositions on the principal topics in Theology, to be examined in private.

## SENIOR CLASS.

Lecture on the Structure of Sermons; on English Style; on the General Qualifications of a Preacher.—Public and Private Criticism of Skeletons and of Sermons,—Critical Examination of English and American Preachers.—Recitations in Ecclesiastical History, text-book, Mosheim's Ecclesiastical History.—Lectures on Ecclesiastical History.—Lectures on Pastoral Theology.

## GENERAL EXERCISES OF THE CLASSES.

Public Declamation once a week.—Private Exercises in Elocution.

The number connected with the Seminary at the time of issuing its last Annual Catalogue was,

RESIDENT LICENTIATES,	.	.	.	.	19
SENIOR CLASS,	.	.	.	.	28
MIDDLE CLASS,	.	.	.	.	35
JUNIOR CLASS,	.	.	.	.	27
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Total,	.	.	.	.	109

For the purpose of aiding indigent students, there are funds appropriated, which enable the Trustees to grant about \$1 per week to applicants, and no charges are made to any of the students for instruction, or rent of rooms.

By a recent change, the Anniversary of the Seminary is hereafter to be on the *first Wednesday in August*. This is followed by a vacation of *six weeks*, when the first, or September term will commence, and continue until the spring vacation, *six weeks* before the *first Wednesday in May*, when the second term is to begin.

From the last Triennial Catalogue, printed in 1851, we transfer the following

### GENERAL SUMMARY.

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Whole number who have been educated in the Seminary.....	1111
Number that have deceased.....	204
Whole number now living.....	907
Number in the two classes remaining in the Institution.....	54
Number who were educated in the first ten years, (1809—1818).....	179
Number of those who have deceased.....	70
Number educated in the second ten years, (1819—1828).....	273
Number of those who have deceased.....	71
Number educated in the third ten years, (1829—1838).....	312
Number of those who have deceased.....	32
Number educated in the fourth ten years, (1839—1848).....	276
Number of those who have deceased.....	30
Number educated in the first three years of the fifth decade.....	71
Number who have been, or who are, Foreign Missionaries, (including Agents to Africa).....	102
Number who are, or who have been Ministers and Missionaries in the United States west of the State of New York.....	148
Number who have been, or who are, connected with Theological Seminaries and Colleges as Presidents or Professors.....	69

se who have been educated at the Seminary were graduated at the fol-  
; Colleges :

South College.....	209	Western Reserve College.....	3
rst College.....	186	Jefferson College.....	2
College.....	158	Pennsylvania College.....	2
bury College.....	129	Pennsylvania University.....	2
ms College.....	83	University of the City N. Y....	2
in College.....	61	Centre College.....	1
University.....	48	Columbia College.....	1
rd University.....	48	Dickinson College.....	1
College.....	32	Glasgow University.....	1
ton College.....	22	Kenyon College.....	1
sity of Vermont.....	22	Trinity College.....	1
e of New Jersey.....	10	University of North Carolina...	1
i College.....	8	Wabash College.....	1
n College.....	8	Wesleyan University.....	1
ta College.....	5	Not graduated at College.....	58
University.....	4		



## MAINE.

The General Conference of Maine, assembled at Saco, June 21, 1853, at 9 o'clock A. M. Moderator, Rev. D. Shepley ; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. S. H. Hayes ; Recording Secretary, Rev. S. C. Fessenden ; Treasurer, Mr. E. F. Duren.

The first day was occupied with devotional exercises, reports of delegates to corresponding bodies, and the usual public services. Sermon by Rev. F. B. Wheeler, delegate from General Convention of Vermont, from 1 John, 5:19.

On the morning of the second day, the following resolution was introduced and unanimously adopted :—

“ *Resolved*, That another year's experience of the benefits accruing from the “ Maine Liquor Law,” and another year's observation of the hopes which depend on its enforcement, has served only to deepen the conviction in our minds that every interest of humanity demands that it be sustained.”

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### MAINE CONGREGATIONAL CHARITABLE SOCIETY.

Sermon by Rev. Prof. Shepherd from Luke 11:41, and 1 Tim. 6:9. Officers—Rev. Dr. Tappan, President; Deacon S. Adams, Vice President; Rev. J. R. Adams, Secretary; Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, Treasurer.

Trustees, President and Secretary ex officio, Messrs. D. Thurston, E. Pond, D. D., E. Jones, D. Shepley, S. Tenney, I. Rogers, R. Woodhull.

First preacher for 1854, Rev. J. O. Fiske ; Second, Rev. U. Balkum.

## MAINE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Annual sermon by Rev. S. H. Keeler, Calais, from Isaiah 54:2, "Enlarge the place of thy tent," &c.

Officers—Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., President; Rev. J. W. Ellingwood, D. D., Vice President; Rev. Benjamin Tappan, D. D., Corresponding and Recording Secretary; John How, Esq., Treasurer; W. D. Little, and W. C. Mitchell, Esq., Auditors.

Trustees, President ex-officio—Rev. Messrs. D. Thurston, B. Tappan, J. W. Ellingwood, E. Pond, E. F. Cutter, J. W. Chickering, D. Shepley, S. Thurston, I. Rogers, and John Rowe, Esq. Receipts, \$14,000.

The next annual meeting of the Society will be held in the Central Church, Bangor, June 4, 1854.

First preacher, Rev. Edw. F. Cutter; Second, Rev. S. C. Fesenden.

## MAINE BRANCH AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The meeting was opened with devotional exercises. Addresses were made in earnest advocacy of the claims of the Society to the prayers and charities of the Churches.

Officers—Rev. D. Thurston, President; Rev. E. Pond, D. D., Vice President; Rev. Dr. Ellingwood, Secretary; Professor Smyth, Treasurer.

Directors, President and Secretary—Rev. Messrs. Shepley, Tappan and Cummings.

## DELEGATES TO CORRESPONDING BODIES.

## GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Rev. E. Jones, Primary. Rev. P. F. Barnard, Substitute.

## GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Rev. H. Ilsley, Primary. Rev. J. Freeman, Substitute.

## GENERAL CONVENTION OF VERMONT.

Rev. B. C. Chase, Primary. Rev. G. F. Tewksbury, Substitute.

## CONSOCIATION OF RHODE ISLAND.

Rev. W. S. Sewall, Primary. Rev. John Orr, Substitute.

## GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF CONNECTICUT.

Rev. H. Merrill, Primary. Rev. J. R. Adams, Substitute.

## GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK.

Rev. E. G. Carpenter, Primary. Rev. J. R. French, Substitute.

{ GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN.  
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF WISCONSIN.  
CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF IOWA.  
GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS. }

Rev. Dr. Tappan, } Rev. Dr. Adams, }  
Rev. G. B. Little, } Primaries, " E. Whittlesey, } Substitutes.  
Rev. G. W. Hathaway, }

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (O. S.)

Rev. D. Shepley, Primary. Rev. John Wilde, Substitute.

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY, (N. S.)

Rev. C. Hobart, Primary, Rev. W. T. Dwight, Substitute.

## MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE, EAST.

Rev. S. C. Fessenden, Primary.

## MAINE METHODIST CONFERENCE, WEST.

Rev. J. L. Ashby.

## CONGREGATIONAL UNION, NEW BRUNSWICK.

Rev. E. F. Cutter.

## MAINE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Rev. U. Balkam.

## FREEWILL BAPTIST YEARLY MEETING.

Rev. S. Thurston.

## COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Rev. S. Souther, Jr.

## PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Rev. S. C. Fessenden. Rev. S. H. Hayes. Dea. E. F. Duren.

## COMMITTEE ON THE STANDING OF MINISTERS.

Rev. Drs. Dwight, Pond, Tappan, Cummings, and B. R. Allen.

The session closed with devotional exercises. Annual sermon by Rev. Dr. Carruthers, from Rom. 14:7, and the administration of the Lord's Supper.

Next meeting of the General Conference on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday of June, 1854, at Bangor, in the Central Church, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Committee of Arrangements—Rev. Geo. Shepard, Rev. G. B. Little, Deacon E. Adams.

Preachers—Rev. Geo. Shepard, D. D. ; Rev. E. Kellogg, Substitute.

## ABSTRACT OF NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The period of twenty-five years, during which this General Conference has existed, cannot be reviewed without finding much cause for humility, and abundant reason for gratitude. *Then* there were reported 8 Conferences, *now* 14; then there were 130 churches, now there are 231; then there were but 72 ministers, now 163; then were reported 7,685 members—as near as can be gathered from present returns, there are now 17,278; showing an increase of 101 churches, 91 ministers, and about 9,600 members.

But no statistics can present the results of this quarter of a century; nor can they be known until the revelation of the last day. The increased number and strength of the Churches is not all. More than five thousand have been transferred, we humbly hope, “to the General Assembly and Church of the first born, which are written in heaven;” they are our kindred still—a branch of this General Conference—the representatives of those churches before God and the Lamb. And, doubtless, a still larger number, framed and disciplined in this rugged climate and these missionary fields, are now scattered in all places where human foot has trod, exemplifying, we trust, in some good degree, the simple and unpretending piety which has hitherto characterized the churches of this State. We follow them with our affectionate wishes and prayers, and in their trials they turn to us for sympathy and aid.

It should be mentioned, to the praise of divine grace, that during the whole period of the existence of this Conference, no discordant word has disturbed its harmony and Christian fellowship, and no theological differences have chilled the warm fountains of mutual affection.

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

S. S. SIGNIFIES STATED SUPPLY.

\*AS REPORTED LAST YEAR.

Aroostook Conference.					
Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Burlington,	1827	14	J. E. M. Wright, s. s.,		1852
Ft. Fairfield,	1844	10	E. S. Knight, s. s.,		
Hodgdon,		13	R. W. Emerson, s. s.,		1851
Houlton,	1833	22			
Letter F,	1846	4	E. S. Knight, s. s.,		
Lincoln,	1831	25	Alvan J. Bates, s. s.,		1847
Monticello,	1833	4	R. W. Emerson, s. s.,		1851
Passadumkeag,	1845	9	Wm. A. Merrill, s. s.,		1851
Patten,	1840	23	E. Fobes, Jr., s. s.,		1853
Salmon Brook,	1845	8	E. S. Knight, s. s.,		1853
Springfield,	1842	18	N. W. Sheldon, s. s.,		1853
Total, 11		150	10		

### Cumberland Conference.

Auburn,	1844	162	Thos. N. Lord, s. s.,		
Baldwin,	1821	*16	Cyril Pearl,		1850
Brunswick,	1747	202	Geo. E. Adams, D. D.,		1829
Cape Elizabeth,	1734	*36			
Cumberland,	1793	128	Joseph Blake,		1841
Durham,	1796	*44	Jonas Fisk, s. s.,		1840
Falmouth, 1st,	1754	134	Charles Dame,		1839
"    2d,	1830	*86	Isaac Carlton, s. s.,		1852
Freeport,	1789	190	L. Conklin,		1852
Gorham,	1750	180	John R. Adams,		1846
Gray,	1774	57	Allen Lincoln,		1845
Harpswell,	1753	61	Elijah Kellogg,		1843
Lewiston Falls,	1825	145	James Drummond,		1842
Mechanic Falls,		53	Enos Merrill,		1847
Minot,	1791	183	Elijah Jones,		1823
"    West,		28			
New Gloucester,	1764	157	Horatio Merrill, s. s.,		1851
Poland,	1825	44	Stephen Gould,		1847
Portland, 2d ch.	1788	362	J. J. Carruthers, D. D.,		1846
"    3d ch.	1825	251	Wm. T. Dwight, D. D.,		1832

**Cumberland Conference.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Settled.
land, High-st.,	1831	343	John W. Chickering,		1835
" State-st.,	1852	68	Hugh S. Carpenter,		1853
" Abyssinian,		*76			
" Bethel,	1840	27	J. R. French, s. s.,		1851
al,	1811	120	Edwin Buck, s. s.,		1853
nond,	1813	10			
borough,	1727	*98	J. B. Thornton,		1851
lish,	1768	*58	J. B. Hadley,		1851
brook, 1st,	1765	*47	C. E. Lord, s. s.,		1852
brook, 2d, (Saca-	1832	120	John L. Ashby,		1851
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lham,	1743	59	John Perham,		1851
outh,	1730	251	Edmund K. Alden,		1850
" North,	1806	97	Caleb Hobart,		1823
Total, 33		3893	29		

**Franklin Conference.**

terville,	1796	40			
ington,	1814	*125	Isaac Rogers,		1826
tte,		*21			
stry,	1802	*71			
field,		*10	David Turner, s. s.,		1851
Portland,		*15			
Sharon,	1801	*100			
Vineyard,	1828	*39	D. Turner, s. s.,		1828
ips,	1817	*54	Samuel L. Gould, s. s.,		1852
g,	1810	*66	Wm. Davenport,		1853
ple,	1806	*83	Simeon Hacket, s. s.,		1851
l,	1809	*62	John B. Wheelwright,		1850
on,	1818	*44	M. Curtis.		1852
Total, 13		*730	9		

**Hancock Conference.**

ra and Amherst,	1830	32	Henry S. Loring,		1850
hill,	1792	142	Harvey M. Stone,		1848
sport,	1803	143	J. B. R. Walker,		1847
ksville, West,	1826	*53			1850
ne Trin. Church,	1820	*82			
Isle,	1773	188	Wm. V. Jordan, s. s.,		1852
vorth,	1812	107	Sewall Tenney,		1835
nd,	1850	29	Hiram Houston,		1850
wick,	1793	46	Manning Ellis,		1831
" Village,	1847	*27	— Peabody, s. s.,		1852
ont & Mt. Desert,	1790	120	Samuel Bowker, s. s.,		1851
Total, 11		959	9		

**Kennebec Conference.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Minist'ers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Albion,	1803	*21			
Augusta, North,		*30	Josiah G. Merrill, s. s.,		
"    South,	1794	244	Edwin B. Webb,		1850
Benton,		*19			
Gardiner,	1835	73	Wm. L. Hyde,		1849
Hallowell,	1790	196	John P. Skeele,		1850
Litchfield,	1811	47	Benjamin Smith, s. s.,		1852
Monmouth,	1853	21	Joseph H. Conant, s. s.,		1852
Pittston, 1st,	1812	46	Joshua S. Gay,		1852
"    2d,	1850	15	Joshua S. Gay,		1852
Richmond,	1827	36	Pliny F. Barnard,		1847
Sidney,	1831	14	Josiah G. Merrill, s. s.,		
Vassalboro,	1818	31	David Thurston, s. s.,		1851
Waterville,	1828	72	Richard B. Thurston,		1846
Windsor,	1820	*28			
Winslow,	1828	62	David Shepley, s. s.,		1851
Winthrop,	1776	160	Rufus M. Sawyer,		1851
Total, 17		1115	12		

**Lincoln Conference.**

Alna,	1796	90	Samuel Talbot,	1843
Bath, Winter-st.,	1795	222	John O. Fiske,	1843
"    Central,	1835	128	E. Whittlesey,	1851
Boothbay, 1st,	1767	*100	J. Adams, s. s.,	1852
"    Harbor,	1849	*50		
Bremen,		*17	D. Cushman, s. s.,	1850
Bristol,	1767	*59	C. Morgridge, s. s.,	1850
Edgcomb,	1783	96	Ivory Kimball, s. s.,	1851
Jefferson,		*9		
Lisbon,		*23		
New Castle, 1st,	1797	46	D. Cushman, s. s.,	1845
"    2d,	1843	*122	E. G. Carpenter,	1851
Phippsburg,	1765	202	S. S. Drake,	1850
Rockland,	1838	*72	S. C. Fessenden,	1838
Thomaston,	1809	105	R. Woodhull,	1838
Topsham,	1789	120	J. Wilde,	1852
Union,	1803	74	D. F. Potter,	1851
Waldoboro;	1807	193	J. Dodge,	1842
Warren,	1828	120	C. H. Wheeler,	1852
Wiscasset,	1828	110	U. Balkam,	1845
Woolwich,	1765	55	C. B. Smith, s. s.	1852
Washington,	1812	37		
Total, 22		2050	17	

**Oxford Conference.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Andover,	1800	42	Mark Gould,		1851
Bethel, 1st,	1799	113			
"    2d,	1849	45	David Garland,		1849
Dixfield,	1826	23			
Gilead,	1818	20			
Norway, 1st,	1802	53	H. W. Strong, s. s.,		1850
"    2d,	1853	29	A. T. Loring, s. s.,		1852
Oxford,	1826	45	G. F. Tewksbury, s. s.,		1853
Rumford,	1803	*72			
S. Paris,	1812	125	Francis Dyer,		1852
Summer,	1802	82	Benj. G. Willey, s. s.,		1851
Shelburne, N. H.,		7			
Turner,	1784	83	John Dodd, s. s.,		1848
Total, 13		739	8		

**Penobscot Conference.**

Bangor, 1st ch.	1811	326	Geo. B. Little,		1849
"    Hammond-st.	1833	281	John Maltby,		1834
"    Central,	1847	148	G. Shepard, D. D., s. s.,		1847
"    North(now Veazie)	1838	*25			
Brewer, 1st ch.	1800	108			
"    Village,	1827	35	Thomas Smith,		1846
Carmel,	1853	13			
Corinna,	1841	*12			
Dedham,	1841	41	Lewis Goodrich,		1850
Dixmont,	1807	*20	Israel Hills, s. s.,		1846
Glenburn,	1839	*14			
Hampden,	1817	84	Javan K. Mason,		1849
Holden,	1828	83			
Kenduskeag,	1825	54	S. E. Bixby,		1853
Oldtown,	1834	35	Samuel H. Merrill,		1848
Orono,	1827	38	L. Ives Hoadley,		1851
Orrington,	1834	58	Franklin Davis, s. s.		1849
Total, 17		1375	11		

**Piscataquis Conference.**

Abbot,	1841	11			
Atkinson,	1842	30			
Blanchard,	1833	56	J. A. Perry, s. s.,		1850
Bradford,		26	Solomon Bixby, s. s.,		1852
Brownville,	1819	94	Wm. S. Sewall,		1839
Dexter,		54			
Exeter,	1835	14	Philip Titeomb,		1852



**Piscataquis Conference.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Foxcroft and Dover,	1822	140	Wooster Parker,		1842
Garland,	1810	62	P. B. Thayer,		1846
Milo,		6			
Monson,	1821	83	Horatio Ilsley,		1841
Sangerville,	1828	25			
Sebec,		10			
Total, 13		611	7		

**Somerset Conference.**

Anson,		*42	Thos. G. Mitchell, s. s.,		1851
Athens,		3			
Bingham,	1805	70	S. Turner, s. s.,		1847
Bloomfield,	1801	94	G. W. Hathaway,		1833
Cornville,		*8	G. W. Fargo, s. s.,		1847
Fairfield,	1815	*15	G. W. Fargo, s. s.,		1851
Flagstaff,		*37			
Madison,	1826	34	T. G. Mitchell, s. s.,		1851
Mercer,	1822	51			
Norringewock,	1797	91	H. S. Downs,		1852
Skowhegan,	1841	24	A. Morton, s. s.,		1853
Solon Village,	1842	10	S. Turner, s. s.,		1847
" South,	1806	51	A. Morton,		1853
St. Albans,	1830	58	P. B. Thayer,† s. s.		1849
Total, 14		588	7		

†P. O. Address, Garland.

**Union Conference.**

Albany.	1803	73			
Bridgton,	1784	86	Josiah T. Hawes,		1850
" South,	1829	*49	J. P. Fessenden,		1830
" North,	1832	45	Horace Wellington, s. s.,		1852
Brownfield,	1806	41	David Gerry,		1839
Denmark,	1829	30			
Fryeburg,	1775	190	Carlton Hurd,		1823
Hiram,	1826	15	David Gerry,		1839
Harrison,	1826	*14			
Lovell,	1798	68	Joseph Smith, s. s.,		1852
Otisfield,	1797	150	J. P. Richardson,		1833
Sweden,	1817	46	L. W. Harris, s. s.,		1852
Waterford,	1799	206	John A. Douglass,		1821
Total, 13		1013	9		

**Waldo Conference.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Belfast, 1st,	1796	114	Edward F. Cutter,		1846
" North,	1846	51	Joseph R. Munsell,		1852
Camden,	1805	132	Benj. C. Chase,		1849
Frankfort, 1st,	1820	70	Stephen H. Hayes,		1844
" 2d,	1851	14	G. W. Field, s. s.,		1852
Jackson and Brooks,	1812	71	Luther Wiswell,		
Prospect,	1839	50	Joseph Freeman, Jr.,		1846
Searsport,	1815	257	Stephen Thurston,		1826
Swanville,	1826	20			
Thorndike,		28			
Unity,	1804	35			
Total, 11		842	8		

**Washington Conference.**

Calais,	1825	150	Samuel H. Keeler,		1839
Cherryfield,	1833	*23			
Cooper,		*18			
Dennysville,	1805	98	J. H. Stearns,		1844
Eastport,	1819	105	W. T. Dickson,		1853
Jonesboro,		*15			
Lubec,	1818	10	G. W. Finney, s. s.,		1852
Machias,	1782	152	S. L. Bowler,		1853
" East,	1826	115	John C. Adams, s. s.,		1849
" Port,	1830	52	G. Bachellor, s. s.,		1850
Northfield,		*56			
Pembroke,		*13	S. Wentworth, s. s.,		
Perry,	1822	*29			
Robbinston,	1811	91	D. B. Sewall,		1841
Whiting,		11			
Whitneyville,		*28			
St. Stevens,	1852	86			
Total, 17		1052	9		

**York Conference.**

Acton,	1781	65	Wm. Pierce, s. s.,		1851
Alfred,	1799	106	John Orr,		1846
Biddeford, 1st,	1730	82	Levi Loring, s. s.,		1851
" 2d,	1805	157	Samuel M. Gould,		1853
Buxton,	1763	80	Joseph Bartlett,		1847
" North Cong.	1663	*73	G. W. Cressey, s. s.,		1852
Cornish,		*12			
Elliot,	1721	69	Jeffries Hall, s. s.,		1852

## York Conference.—Continued.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed	Settled
Kennebunk, Union ch.	1826	82	Wm. H. Wilcox,		184
“ Port, 1st,	1730	69	John Baker.		184
“ “ South,	1838	76	Geo. A. Bowman,		184
“ “ Union ch.		4			
Kittery,	1714	44	Albert W. Fisk,		184
Lebanon,	1765	75	Joseph Loring,		184
Limerick,	1795	86	Charles Freeman,		184
Limington,	1789	94	John H. Garman,		184
Lyman,	1801	127	Amasa Loring, s. s.,		184
Newfield,	1801	68	Edmund Burt,		184
Parsonsfield,	1795	*26			
Saco,	1762	*216			
Sanford,	1786	50			
Shapleigh,	1823	16			
South Berwick,	1701	146	Benj. R. Allen,		184
Wells, 1st,	1701	164	James R. Cushing,		184
“ 2d,	1831	59	Jacob C. Goss,		184
York, 1st,	1673	86	John Smith,		184
“ 2d,	1732	29	Morris Holman,†		184
Total, 26		2161	21		

† P. O. Address, Scotland.

**SUMMARY.***General Conference of Maine, Organized in Portland, Jan. 10, 1826.*

County Conferences.	Organ- ized.	Number of Churches.	Ministers.	Total of Members.	Total of Donations
Aroostook,	1844	11	7	150	79 75
Cumberland,	1822	33	29	3893	11309 83
Franklin,	1839	13	9	*730	288 53
Hancock,	1825	11	9	959	1859 44
Kennebec,	1833	17	12	1115	1963 42
Lincoln,	1825	22	17	20 0	4421 70
Oxford,	1824	13	8	779	422 02
Penobscot,	1825	17	11	1375	5612 24
Piscataquis,	1842	13	7	611	459 34
Somerset,	1823	14	7	598	235 60
Union,	1836	13	9	1013	571 22
Waldo,	1848	11	8	842	1088 69
Washington,	1829	17	9	1052	1423 62
York,	1823	26	21	2161	2639 22
<b>Total, 14</b>		<b>231</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>17278</b>	<b>†32374 62</b>

\*.\* Each County Conference continues its annual and semi-annual sessions two days. The General Conference, in its annual session, occupies three days.

† This sum does not include what is given to Bangor Seminary, Bowdoin College, and to such permanent uses; or to local, home charities. The Seminary has received about fifteen thousand dollars, though not all from this State.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS WITHOUT PASTORAL CHARGE.

Silas Baker.....	Kennebunk-Po
Alden B. Boynton.....	Wiscasset.
John Boynton.....	Wiscasset.
Caleb Bradley.....	Westbrook.
James Carruthers.....	Portland.
Elias Chapman.....	Newfield.
Albert Cole.....	Cornish.
Asa Cummings, D. D., Editor of Christian Mirror.....	Portland.
J. W. Ellingwood, D. D.....	Bath.
Roswell D. Hitchcock, Collins Professor in Bowdoin College.....	Brunswick.
Marcus R. Keep, Missionary in Aroostook Co.....	No. 11 Aroostook.
Freeman Parker.....	Wiscasset.
H. A. Merrill.....	Windham.
Enoch Pond, D. D., Prof. in Theological Seminary.....	Bangor.
Lincoln Ripley.....	Waterford.
John Sawyer.....	Garland.
George Shepard, D. D., Prof. in Theo. Seminary.....	Bangor.
D. Talcott Smith.....	Bangor.
William Smyth, Prof. in Bowdoin College.....	Brunswick.
Samuel Souther, Jr. Agent A. S. S. Union.....	Fryeburg.
D. Turner, Agent Am. Tract Society.....	Portland.
Thomas C. Upham, D. D., Prof. in Bowdoin College.....	Brunswick.
James Wells, City Missionary.....	Bangor.
Isaac Weston.....	Cumberland.
James Weston.....	Standish.
Henry White.....	Foxcroft.
Leonard Woods, Jr., D. D., Pres. Bowdoin College.....	Brunswick.

## THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

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The Committee of Conference appointed to visit the Theological Seminary at Bangor, reported in substance as follows :

1. **THE EXAMINATION.**—This was commenced by Prof. Smith in the Department of Sacred Literature, in the Hebrew of the old Testament, and in the Greek of the New—in the forms and philosophy of language, and in the various principles of Interpretation in general. It showed that there had been faithful attention on the part of the Professor in his instructions, and on the part of the Students in their application, in all the several branches of study concerned.

In systematic Theology, the examination was conducted by Prof. Pond. The Committee were gratified with the evidence afforded, of the knowledge and tact and skill of many of the Students in disposing of difficulties, and in defending the truth. Professor Pond also conducted the examination in Ecclesiastical History, in which the Students showed that they had made respectable attainments.

In the department of Sacred Rhetoric and Homiletics, together with Pastoral Duties, the examination was by Prof. Shepard. It showed that there had been effectual teaching and successful learning, and gave pleasing promise of acceptableness and usefulness on the part of the young brethren in the opening labors of life.

In view of the examination as a whole, the Committee express their confidence in the good and sound condition of the Seminary.

2. **THE ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES.**—These were decidedly creditable, and some of them of a high order, evincing more than ordinary maturity, both as to knowledge and the power of thought and expression. What added to the interest of the occasion was the ordination of one of the graduating class, Mr. Wm. C. Pond, son of Prof. Pond, as a Missionary to California.

3.—THE GRADUATING CLASS.—This consisted of 16. Of these, 3, it is understood, are settled Pastors in Maine; 2 have calls to settle in Maine, and will probably be ordained soon; 3 are laboring in Maine, as stated supplies; 1 has been settled in New Hampshire, one is expecting soon to be settled in Mass.; 1 is a Missionary in California; 1 a teacher in Jacksonville College, Ill.; 1 an assistant teacher in the Seminary at Bangor; and 3 are Resident Licentiates in the Seminary at Andover, Mass. The class seemed to embody much talent and piety; and it may be hoped that their influence for good in the world will be extensive and powerful.

4.—THE GENERAL STATE OF THE SEMINARY.—The Faculty remains the same, though it is earnestly hoped that an additional Professor—may be added in the department of Ecclesiastical History; and the funds for the endowment of such a Professorship, are among the urgent wants of the Seminary at present.

The number of Students the current year is 41; 8 in the Senior Class; 19 in the Middle; 13 in the Junior; and 1 Resident Licentiate.

The buildings of the Seminary underwent thorough repairs last summer, and are in good condition. More and more urgent need is felt of a Chapel—a building for purposes of devotion and recitations; and most of all as a place of deposit for the valuable Library of the Institution—a treasure which ought not by any means to be kept continuously in so exposed a condition as it must necessarily be, until such a building shall be provided.

Among the wants of the Seminary besides a Professorship of Ecclesiastical History, and a Chapel building, there is the filling up of the Fund for the relief of Indigent Students. About three or four thousand dollars have been contributed for the object, by a liberal friend in Bangor, but under such conditions that as much more must be added before it can be available to the purposes designed.

Of the usefulness and importance of the Seminary, there is no occasion to speak. What would have become of Maine, as to a supply of ministers, had not God, in his Providence, raised up our beloved Seminary. Of the 268 Alumni, and of nearly half as many more who have shared in part the privileges of the Institution, how few would have had any special sympathy for Maine.

Nor have the good influences of the Seminary been confined to Maine. Its Alumni are now lifting up their voices abroad in almost all the world—in California and Oregon—at the Sandwich Islands and in Micronesia—in India and in different parts of the Turkish Empire, as well as in our own Western States. The churches have the strongest reasons for making all they can of the Seminary for which they have already done so much, and from which they, and the churches nearly the world over, have received, and are receiving so much.



## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The General Association of New Hampshire assembled in the Congregational meeting-house at Littleton, on Tuesday Aug. 23, 1853, at 10 A. M. The meeting was opened by a sermon, by Rev. Amos Blanchard, from 2 Kings, 4 : 13. After the sermon, a collection was taken up in aid of the Widow's Charitable Fund.

The Association was organized by the choice of

Rev. Jacob Scales, Moderator,

Rev. Jesse Page, Scribe,

Rev. Rufus Case, Assistant Scribe.

Narratives of the state of religion within the bounds of the District Associations, and corresponding foreign bodies, were presented, with devotional exercises.

The following Delegates to foreign bodies were appointed :

To the General Conference of Maine, Rev. L. White, Primary, Rev. E. Adams, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Vermont, Rev. W. Wright, Primary, Rev. J. P. Humphrey, Substitute.

To the General Association of Massachusetts, Rev. N. Barbour, Primary, Rev. E. H. Greeley, Substitute.

To the General Association of Connecticut, Rev. Austin Richards, Primary, Rev. Wm. Clark, Substitute.

To the General Consociation of Rhode Island, Rev. G. Leach, Primary, Rev. A. Jenkins, Substitute.

To the General Association of New York, Rev. J. Richards, D. D., Primary, Rev. S. T. Abbott, Substitute.

To the General Convention of Wisconsin, Rev. H. Moody, Primary, Rev. J. Page, Substitute.

To the General Association of Illinois, Rev. E. Buxton, Primary, Rev. E. D. Eldridge, Substitute.

To the General Association of Iowa, Rev. B. P. Stone, Primary, Rev. E. E. Atwater, Substitute.

To the General Association of Michigan, Rev. W. P. Gale, Primary, Rev. E. G. Parsons, Substitute.

To the General Assembly of the Pres. Church, O. S., Rev. W. T. Savage, Primary, Rev. E. I. Carpenter, Substitute.

To the Gen. Assembly of the Pres. Church, N. S., Rev. M. H. Wells, Primary, Rev. H. E. Parker, Substitute.

To the Gen. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. S. Lee, Primary, Rev. J. H. Merrill, Substitute.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously :

Whereas the progress of the cause of temperance is essential to the welfare of society, and the interests of morality and godliness,—

*Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the principles embodied in what is called, "The Maine Law."

*Resolved*, That we earnestly desire, and will labor for the adoption of a similar law in this State.

*Resolved*, That until that desire is met, we recommend the strict enforcement of the present laws.

*Resolved*, That we recommend to the Congregational ministers of our State to present the subject in their pulpits and in the School districts, in their respective towns.

*Resolved*, That we approve of the effort of the friends of peace to produce a public sentiment that shall require of the governments of nations, that such differences between them, as cannot be settled by negotiation, shall be referred for final settlement to umpires to be chosen by the parties interested.

*Resolved*, That in corresponding with ecclesiastical bodies which have in their connection those who hold their fellow men in bondage, we wish to be distinctly understood, that we do not give our sanction to the system of slavery, or look with satisfaction upon the practice of slaveholding, but continue the cor-

respondence with the hope that our influence may hasten the removal of this glaring reproach upon our common Christianity, and incubus upon the progress of a pure gospel.

*Resolved*, That we cordially approve of the resolutions pertaining to the subject of slavery, passed at the late Congregational Convention at Albany, and of the principles set forth in the number of the Home Missionary for March of the present year, as those by which the American Home Missionary Society is governed in affording aid to churches in slaveholding States.

The meeting closed with a sermon by Rev. Corban Curtice, from John 19 : 5, and the administration of the Lord's Supper.

The next meeting to be held in the First Church, Derry ; the Union Association to furnish the preacher.

### THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION

Records the death of venerated fathers and beloved brethren. Dr. Burnham, Rev. D. Fairbanks, S. M. Stone, and J. M. Stearns, known for faithful labor, and some of them called from the active duties of preaching as stated supplies.

The Delegates from Several District Associations report an increased attendance on public worship ; but in some places there are local difficulties arising from a prevalent spirit of gain and worldliness, from intemperance and Sabbath-breaking, and from an unsettled population.

General harmony prevails within the churches ; there is a slight increase in the permanence of the settled ministry, and more desire by the churches to retain their tried and experienced leaders.

One District Association reports 12 preparing for the ministry, and many others are known to be so in various parts of the State.

Several meeting-houses have been built or thoroughly repaired. There is an increasing feeling that the house of God should be rendered attractive, and in some measure correspond

with the purity and simplicity of the gospel preached in it. And above all, there seems to be a desire and prayer, though far too little, that the Holy One would descend and fill the places of His worship with the cloud of his special, converting, and sanctifying grace.

Several places are mentioned in which revivals have been enjoyed, while in others considerable religious interest has been manifested, among which may be specified as peculiarly cheering, Dartmouth College, and the academies in New Ipswich, Meriden, and elsewhere.

There is gratifying evidence that God has been pleased to set his seal of approbation upon the consecration of infants, and has remembered his covenant in numerous instances to the children of the righteous, and even to their children's children.

There seems to be an increasing interest in the cause of education, indicated by numerous select schools and academies, and by attention to the more important district schools.

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

### Belknap Association.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Meredith Bridge,		173	John K. Young,		1831
Gilmanton Iron Works,		114	Rufus Childs,		1844
Gilmanton East,		38	Vacant,		
Gilmanton Centre,		145	R. M. Sargent,		1852
Sanbornton,		147	James Boutwell,		1852
Centre Harbor,		44	Almon Benson,		1840
Meredith Village,		78	Giles Leach,		1842
Loudon, 1st ch.		80	Edward F. Abbott,		
Alton,		6	Vacant,		
Barnstead,		234	Enos George,		1804
Plymouth,		165	Wm. R. Jewett,		1845
Campton,		80	Charles Shedd,		1842
Thornton,		22	Vacant,		
Bridgewater,			Vacant,		
Hebron, }		27	Liba Conant,		
Groton, }		32			
Total, 16		1385	11		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Rev. Abraham Bodwell, Sanbornton.  
Licentiate—C. C. Durgin, Gilmanton.

### Caledonia Association.

Bethlehem, }		34	Daniel McClenning,		1852
Franconia, }		12			
Littleton,		130	E. Irvin Carpenter,		1842
Total, 3		176	2		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—David Sutherland, Bath.

### Deerfield Association.

Chichester,		119	S. M. Blanchard,		
Deerfield,		112	Wm A. Forbes,		
Epsom,		101	Vacant,		

**Deerfield Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
od,		86	Otis Holmes,		1849
am,		161	Vacant,		
			Moses H. Wells,		1845
otal, 6		478	4		

**Derby Association.**

		92	Jesse Page,		
		51	James Holmes,		1849
		284	Wm. Murdock,		1841
		186	Lauren Armsby,		1846
st ch.		240	Joshua W. Wellman,		1851
t cong. ch.		136	E. G. Parsons,		1851
ad,		89	John M. C. Bartley,		1846
		86	Vacant,		
		64	Charles Tenney,		
		53	William Page,		
i, Pres. ch.		150	Loren Thayer,		1845
otal, 11		1411	10		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Rev. Mr. Browne.

**Harmony Association.**

		74	Vacant,		
1,*		39	Vacant,		
orough,			{ Joshua Dodge,		1828
		77	{ Jonathan B. Cook,		1850
		72	Horace Wood,		
Corner,*		55	Vacant,		
, North ch.*		19	Vacant,		
h,		170	J. H. Merrill,		1853
l,		40	Nathaniel Barker,		
ugh,		61	Nelson Barbour,		1852
olfborough,		57	Stephen Merrill,		
rough,		25	" quarter the time,		
on,		24	Daniel D. Tappan,		
otal, 12		713	8		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Rev. Samuel Kingsbury.

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**Hollis Association.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Amherst,		305	J. Gardner Davir,		1844
Brookline,		74	Daniel Goodwin,		1839
Hollis,*		171	P. B. Day,		1852
Mason,		101	{ Ebenezer Hill,		1790
Mason Village,*		128	{ J. L. Armes,		1850
Merrimack South,		34	E. M. Kellogg,		1852
Milford,		305	Daniel Sawyer,		
Nashua, 1st ch.		440	E. N. Hidden,		1849
"    Olive-st.*		425	Daniel March,		1849
"    Pearl-st.*		189	Austin Richards,		1836
New Ipswich,		262	Ezra E. Adams,		1853
"    2d ch,		60	Samuel Lee,		1836
Rindge,		255	J. Ballard,		
Mount Vernon,*		167	Amos W. Burnham,		1821
Temple,		90	Charles D. Herbert,		1850
Wilton,			Walter Follet,		1844
Total, 16		2946	14	—	

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—William Clark, Seneca White, Amherst; Humphrey Moore, D. D., Milford; Leonard Jewett, Hollis; John M. Ellis, J. W. Shepard, Nashua.

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**Hopkinton Association.**

Andover,	20	Nathan Howard,	—	1853
Boscawen East,	150	Ambrose Smith,	—	1837
"    West,	163	Edward Buxton,		
Bristol,	29	Garland,		
Canterbury,	126	Howard Moody,		1843
Concord, East,	94	Henry A. Kendall,		1851
"    1st,	256	Nathan'l Bouton, D. D.,		1825
"    South,	238	Henry E. Parker,		1851
"    West,	188	Asa P. Tenney,		1833
Fisherville,	73	Daniel Lancaster,		
Franklin,	101	Wm. T. Savage,		1849
Henniker,	176	J. M. R. Eaton,		1851
Hill,	42	Daniel Sawyer,		
Hopkinton,	173	M. B. Angier,		1853
Loudon,	30	Willey,		
Northfield & Sanb. br'ge	113	Corban Curtice,		1843
Pembroke,	128	Robert Crossett,		
Salisbury,	93	E. D. Eldredge,		1849

**Hopkinton Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
		121	Harrison O. Howland,		
		37	Reuben Kimball,		
Total, 20		2351	19		

*t Pastoral Charge.*—E. Price, William Patrick, B. P. Stone,  
y Wood.

**Lancaster Association.**

ok,		53	Joseph B. Hill,		
		29	Blake,		
er,		62	Destitute,		
stown,		28	J. Wooster,		S. S.
ld,			Destitute,		
Total, 5		172	3		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—J. Morse, Stewartstown.

**Manchester Association.**

l, Pres.		159	Thomas Savage,		1826
ton,		127	John M. Putnam,		1830
rn,		110	Isaac Willey,		1837
		71	D. L. French,		
ld, Pres.					
derry, Pres.		192	T. G. Brainerd,		
ster, 1st ch.		248	C. W. Wallace,		1840
2d ch.		224	Samuel C. Bartlett,		1852
Chris. Miss.		34	T. P. Sawin,		1853
ack.		170	E. G. Little,		1850
Total, 10		1235	9		

**Monadnock Association.**

, 1st ch.		74	Samuel G. Tenney,		
, East.		125	Bezaleel Smith,		1852
er Mill Village,		30	George S. Kemp,		
field.		58	Ebenezer Newhall,		
		48			
iam.		120	Abraham Jenkins, Jr.		1848
		45	Ezra Adams,		1851
le,		79			
			( Laban Ainsworth,		1782
		140	Leonard Tenney,		1845
		307	Z. S. Barstow, D. D.		1818
rough.		101	Giles Lyman,		



**Monadnock Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized	Members.	Ministers	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Nelson,		103	C. N. Ransom,		
Harrisville,		65	Wm. G. Tuttle,		1851
Roxbury,		30	Samuel H. Tolman,		
Stoddard,		40	Isaac Robinson, D. D.		1803
Sullivan,		85	Thomas S. Norton,		1845
Surry,		14			
Swanzy,		58	Elisha Rockwood,		1836
Troy,		68	Luther Townsend,		1845
Walpole,		98			
Westmoreland,		155	Stephen Rogers,		
Winchester,		194	J. P. Humphrey,		1847
Total, 22		2077	19		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Gad Newell, Nelson; Silas Wilder, Keene.

**Orange Association.**

Bath,		126	Thomas Boutelle,		1853
Canaan,		22	Moses Gerould,		
Haverhill,		155	E. H. Greeley,		1849
“ North,		13	Vacant,		
Hanover, Centre,			A. H. Cutter,		1849
Lyme,		365	Erdix Tenny,		1831
Orford, East,		85	Jotham Sewall,		1853
“ West,		72	Ira Case,		1852
Piermont,		101	J. S. Davis,		
Wentworth,		36	“		1822
Total, 10		975	8		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Nathan Lord, D. D., Roswell Shurtleff, D. D., Moses Searle.

**Piscataqua Association.**

Barrington,		46	Theodore Wells,		1845
Brentwood,		74	Vacant,		
Dover,		373	B. F. Parsons,		1853
Durham,		59	Alvan Tobey,		1833
Epping,		51	Lyman White,		
Exeter, 1st ch.		127	W. D. Hitchcock,		1853
“ 2d ch.			{ Isaac Hurd,		1817
		96	Asa Mann,		1851
Greenland,		47	Edward Robie,		1852

**Piscataqua Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Hampton,		208	Solomon P. Fay,		1849
Kingston,		67	Vacant,		
Milton,		83	James Doldt,		
New Castle,		27	Lucius Alden,		
Newington,			Vacant,		
New Market,		41	Elliott C. Cogswell,		
North Hampton,			{ Jon'n French, D. D.,		1801
		183	{ J. Dinsmore,		1852
Portsmouth,		291	Vacant,		
Raymond,		137	David Burt,		1851
Rochester,		100	George Spaulding,		
Rye,		104	Israel T. Otis,		1847
Seabrook & Hamp. Falls		70	Sereno T. Abbott,		1837
Salmon Fa., Rollinsford,		96	Edward E. Atwater,		1852
Great Falls,		153	James T. M'Collom,		1844
South New Market,		27	Winthrop Fifield,		
Stratham.		48	Vacant,		
Total, 24		2508	20		

**Sullivan Association.**

Acworth,		110	Edwin S. Wright,		1846
Charlestown,		75	Worthington Wright,		1852
Claremont,		216	R. F. Lawrence,		1839
Cornish,		79	Alvah Spaulding,		1835
Croydon,		66			
Dartmouth College,		234	John Richards, D. D.,		1842
Enfield,		17	Daniel Pulsifer,		
Goshen,		53	Henry Richardson,		
Langdon,		42	Edwin Jennison,		
Lebanon,		134	Chas. A. Downs,		1849
Lempster, 1st ch.		70	Robert Page,		
" 2d ch.		27			
Meriden,		102	Amos Blanchard,		1840
Newport,		264	Henry Cummings,		1851
Plainfield,		34	Jacob Seales,		
Unity,		9	No report,		
Washington,		44	John F. Griswold,		
West Lebanon,		61	Rufus Case,		1851
Total, 18		1737	15		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—John Woods, Newport; Daniel J. Noyes, D. D., John M. Putnam, David Kimball, Hanover; E. T. Rowe, Meriden; C. B. Haddock, D. D., Portugal. Licentiate—C. S. Richards, Meriden.

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## Union Association.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Antrim,		*170			
Bennington,		*50	John M. Whiton,		
Bradford,		*52	Vacant,		
Deering,		39	Wm. P. Gale,		
Francestown,		308	L. Taylor,		1851
Greenfield, Evan.		124	Jonathan McGee,		
" Cong.		108	John LeBosquet,		
Hancock,		191	A. Bigelow,		1850
Hillsborough, Centre,		57	Samuel H. Partridge,		1853
" Bridge,		53	Jacob Cummings,		1843
Lyndeborough,		*130	E. B. Claggett,		1846
New Boston,		*165	A. Rawson,		
Peterborough,		*140	Vacant,		
Total, 13		1587	10		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Daniel Goodhue, Shelburne.

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## CLERKS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

Belknap .....	William R. Jewett.
Caledonia .....	E. Irvin Carpenter.
Deerfield .....	Otis Holmes.
Derry .....	Lorin Thayer.
Harmony .....	
Hollis .....	Daniel Goodwin.
Hopkinton .....	Henry A. Kendall.
Lancaster .....	
Manchester .....	T. P. Sawin.
Monadnock .....	J. P. Humphrey.
Orange .....	Erdix Tenny.
Piscataqua .....	Lyman White.
Sullivan .....	R. F. Lawrence.
Union .....	Jonathan McGee.

**RECAPITULATION.**

Associations.	Churches.	Ministers	Communicants.
up,	16	12	1385
nia,	3	2	179
ld,	6	4	488
	11	10	1411
ny,	12	8	713
,	17	15	2946
nton,	20	19	2351
ster,	5	3	172
ester,	10	9	1335
lnock,	22	19	2077
e,	10	8	975
aqua,	24	20	2508
in,	18	15	1737
	13	10	1587
Total, 14	187	154	19,864
From note below -----			303
			<u>20,167</u>

he recapitulation we have included the return of last year from  
 ond church of New Ipswich, 60 members; also Wilton from a  
 report, 107 members. Also Hooksett, 39 members; Shel-  
 7 members; Dorchester, 15 members. Hanover Centre be-  
 o Orange Association, but was not reported. We estimate its  
 rs 75. The Publishing Committee add these to the sum of the  
 nicants.

District Associations have all sent in their reports. The com-  
 ents in Manchester Association average 1335, not 1235, as in  
 hedule. Six Associations report a decrease of 53; one, no  
 ; and seven report an increase of 396; net increase, 343.

## RHODE ISLAND.

The Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island convened at Barrington, June 14, 1853.

Rev. Thomas Shepard was chosen Moderator ; Rev. R. H. Conklin, Scribe ; and Rev. J. C. Seagrave, Assistant Scribe.

Sermon by Rev. George Uhler, from Isaiah 52. 2.

On the morning of the second day, after devotional exercises and local business, Consociation resolved itself into the Rhode Island Branch of the American Board of Foreign Missions.

The Annual Report was presented.

An address was delivered by Dis. Sec. of Parent Society, and a sermon preached by Rev. H. Bardwell, of Mass., from Eph. 5 : 8.

In the afternoon, Consociation resolved itself into the R. I. Home Missionary Society.

The Annual Report was presented, and Rev. H. James, of Mass., preached from Mark 12 : 37.

The following Delegates to Foreign Bodies were appointed :

	Primaries.	Alternates.
General Association of Connecticut,	Rev. T. Shepard.	Rev. A. L. Whitman.
General Association of Massachusetts,	" T. A. Taylor,	" T. Thayer.
General Conference of Maine,	" L. Swain,	" S. Wolcott.
General Association of New York,	" S. Beane.	
General Association of New Haven,	" J. Leavitt,	" D. Andrews.
General Convention of Vermont,	" B. J. Relyea,	" O. F. Otis.
O. S. General Assembly,	" T. Taylor,	" C. Blodgett.
N. S. General Assembly,	" Joel Mann,	" S. S. Hyde.
Western General Associations,	" R. H. Conklin.	

The following resolution on the subject of Peace was adopted :

“ As the friends of Peace, united in, and acting with the American Peace Society, are now making a special effort to induce our National Government to embody in its future treaties with other Governments, a stipulation to substitute peaceable arbitration for all appeal to the sword ; we therefore earnestly recommend prompt co-operation with the effort, in petitions from throughout our bounds, to the Government, in this behalf.”

The following resolutions were also adopted :

“ Believing that the operations of the American Education Society, and those of the Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West may, with greater simplicity, economy, and success, be conducted by a single Association,

“ Therefore, *Resolved*, That this Consociation would recommend the union of these two organizations, as soon as the way may be prepared for such an event.

“ *Resolved*, That, should this be found necessary, we would favour a general meeting of the friends of Collegiate and Theological Education, with a view to the full discussion of this subject.”

The receipt of \$1,465.87 was reported from the Churches of Rhode Island, contributed toward the \$50,000 fund to be raised for the building of Churches at the West.

The following resolution on the subject of Temperance, was adopted :

“ *Resolved*, That this Consociation bear their continued and unequivocal testimony against the traffic and use of intoxicating drinks, and that, while we express our full confidence in *moral suasion* to do its own appropriate work, we do also declare our confidence in *legal action*, in the form of the *Maine Law*, and assure the friends of this glorious enterprise that our prayers and efforts shall not be wanting to carry on and consummate its triumphs.”

The following resolutions were adopted in reference to the observance of the Sabbath :

" 1. *Resolved*, That the respective Churches connected with this Consociation be exhorted to use all proper Christian influence to prevent the incipient desecration of the Sabbath by the driving of milk carts and the opening of meat stalls and baker's shops on this day, customs deemed wholly unnecessary and of dangerous tendency.

" 2. *Resolved*, That each clergyman in our connection be requested to preach on the divine authority and sacred obligation of the Christian Sabbath, and the importance of consecrating all its hours to holy employments and none other,—on the second Lord's day in May annually, or some other Lord's day which may be more convenient, near the aforesaid time.

" 3. *Resolved*, That we exhort all our brethren in Christ to pray without ceasing that the Lord of the Sabbath would, by his Spirit lead the people, the descendants of Puritans, to reverence this day of God, as the palladium of our dearest civil rights, and of our most precious Christian institutions and hopes."

The celebration of the Lord's Supper concluded the meetings.

Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Delegate from O. S. General Assembly, preached the sermon from Eph. 1 : 3.

Consociation adjourned to meet in Providence on the 2d Tuesday in June, 1854, at 2 P.M.—Preacher, Rev. R. Torrey; Rev. T. A. Taylor, alternate.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

*Arranged according to the date of Organization, so far as reported.*

Churches.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Contributions to Ben'volent obj'ns.
Barrington,	107	Silas S. Hyde,		\$148 70
Bristol,	248	Thomas Shepard,		518 20
Little Compton,	197	Samuel Beane,		500 00
Beneficent Ch., Prov.	480	Vacant,		3898 16
Tiverton, Corner,	36	David Andrews, s. s.		70 00
Richmond-st. ch. Prov.	340	Jonathan Leavitt,		2014 00
Fall River, 1st ch.	206	B. J. Relyea,		250 00
Slatersville,	131	T. A. Taylor,	1838	635 00
Kingston,	41	Joel Mann, s. s.,		53 22
Pawtucket,	219	Constantine Blodgett,		780 00
Washington Village,		Vacant,		
North Scituate,	57	Chas. C. Beaman, s. s.,		
High-st. ch. Prov.	211	Samuel Wolcott,		
Westerly,	50	A. L. Whitman,	1834	100 00
Fourth ch. Prov.	210	R. H. Conklin,	1843	175 00
Central Falls,	108	Vacant,		140 00
Chepachet,	18	O. F. Otis.		30 00
Warwick,	43	George Uhler, s. s.,		25 00
Fifth ch. Prov.	24	James C. Seagrave,		15 00
Elm Wood ch. Cranston,	23	Reuben Torrey,	1852	10 00
Central ch. Prov.	130	Leonard Swain,		3300 00
Newport,		Thatcher Thayer,		700 00
Woonsocket,	43	E. H. Blanchard, s. s.,		100 00
Globe Works, Tiverton,		Vacant,		
	2711			\$13462 28



## CONNECTICUT.

The one hundred and forty-fourth meeting of the General Association of Connecticut, convened at Waterbury, on the 3d Tuesday of June, 1853.

Rev. G. J. Tillotson was chosen Moderator.

Rev. Chauncey Goodrich, Scribe ; and Rev. W. H. Moore, Assistant Scribe.

The annual discourse before the Association was preached by Rev. S. B. S. Bissel, Greenwich, from John xv. 4 : 5.

The following resolutions on the subject of Temperance were unanimously adopted :

*" Whereas, Prohibitory legislation in respect to the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is proving itself, more and more decisively, to be a most efficient means of suppressing intemperance and its attendant evils ; and,*

*" Whereas, The expectation has been strongly expressed in influential quarters, that the friends of such legislation in the State would soon relax their efforts in its behalf ; and*

*" Whereas, An attempt may be made to meet the demands of public sentiment by the substitution of a less effective enactment than that which has been adopted in other States ; therefore,*

*" Resolved, That the members of this General Association pledge themselves to each other, and to the community, never*

to abandon their efforts in this cause, until the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is effectually suppressed.

*“Resolved,* That we shall not be satisfied, and we think the friends of Temperance ought not to be satisfied with any legislation which shall fall short of an entire and effectual prohibition of the traffic.

*“Resolved,* That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the Moderator and Scribe of the General Association, be transmitted at once to the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for presentation to the bodies over which they preside, as expressions of the earnest petition of this General Association, that the law we desire may be enacted at the present session of the General Assembly.”

Reports and Addresses were made by agents and others in behalf of the Peace Society, the American Education Society, the Society for Promoting Collegiate and Theological Education at the West, the Connecticut Branch of the Bible Society, the Am. Board of Com. for Foreign Missions, the Colonization Society, and the American Missionary Society.

The Association united with the Churches in Waterbury in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. The Narrative of the State of Religion was read in opening the exercises.

The Trustees of the Conn. Home Missionary Society presented the following report :

The receipts of the Society for the year ending June 1, 1853, were \$2,396.70.—The expenditures for the same period were \$2,277.18. No additions were made to the Permanent Fund of \$30,000.

Ten missionaries were in the service of the Society last year on the Western Reserve, two in Illinois—one of whom had a general mission among the feeble Congregational Churches in that State—one in Michigan, two in Wisconsin, one in Western New York, and one among the Germans in the coal region of Pennsylvania.

The missionary operations of the Board on the Reserve, were closed on the first day of May last. The congregations

aided there, that have not reached the point of self-support, can receive assistance from the Agency of the A. H. M. S. The churches on the Western Reserve will remain an enduring monument of the benevolence and wise foresight of the founders of this Society. Their missionaries entered this field, then called New Connecticut, when its whole population might have been comfortably seated in a modern house of worship.—‘A little one’ has ‘become a thousand.’—Churches and schools and colleges have taken the place of the forests which the venerable pioneer, BADGER, threaded, to bear salvation to the scattered log-cabins of the emigrants,—after resting his weary limbs on the ground, with a saddle for his pillow, or passing the night on a tree to avoid wild beasts. How changed the scene, since on his first missionary tour in this region in 1801, he wrote, ‘the friendly disposition of the Indians, banishes all apprehension of danger from them. If the Lord should make this wilderness as a watered garden, by planting and nourishing up his church in it, there would be no place more desirable to live in.’

In closing their connexion with this Society, the churches on the Reserve express warm gratitude for its paternal care through more than half a century, and an earnest hope that, limited as its means now are, it may yet aid efficiently in studying the whole West with ‘New Connecticuts,’ to the welfare of our country and the honour of our Redeemer.

The Missionary Society of Connecticut, auxiliary to the American Home Missionary Society, held its annual meeting in the First Congregational Church, on Wednesday evening, June 22d, at which it was reported, that during the year ending May 1, 1853, appropriations were made to 36 churches and congregations, to the amount of \$3,775. Five of these churches have given notice that after the present year they do not expect to need aid from this Society.

An appropriation of \$1,080 was made during the year to the Domestic Missionary Society of Rhode Island, and \$2,000 were transmitted to the A. H. M. S.

The receipts of the Society for the year ending June 1, 1853, were \$7,163.18. In addition to the donation from our Treasury, the Parent Society received directly from this State, during the same period, \$23,132.07. Add to these sums, \$2,396.70 received by the old Missionary Society of Connecticut, and it will make the amount devoted to the cause of Home Missions during the year, by our denomination in this State, \$32,691.95.

The expenditures of the Society for the year, were \$7,183.55. This includes the donation to Rhode Island and the A. H. M. S. Three pastors of churches aided by the Society were dismissed at their own request, and one ordained, during the year. Of the churches aided, twenty-four had pastors, and twelve rated supplies.

It is to be apprehended that without an increase of liberality—or rather, a stricter regard to justice and the principles of the Gospel—the pastoral relation will hereafter be often sunken, to the great detriment of the feeble churches. Means formerly inadequate to the necessities, not to say comfort, of families subject to demands that cannot be turned aside without infringing on usefulness and the hospitality divinely required of ‘bishops’ in the church, cannot long sustain the increasing expense of living. The average salary of seventeen pastors taken at random from our list, is \$434. This includes the grant from our Treasury. Taken individually, the salaries are, one of \$200 and use of Parsonage ; two, of \$300 ; one, of \$375 ; four, of \$400 ; one, of \$400 ; one, of \$450 and Parsonage ; five, of \$500 ; one, of \$500 and Parsonage ; and one, 550.

It must be evident at a glance that in cases like some of these, the pastoral relation cannot bear up a great while, against the existing pressure. Help must come from some quarter, or the pastoral tie will be severed.—Either congregations must increase salaries manifestly disproportioned to the remuneration in other occupations of life—or the pastor must seek out his means of support, by associating some other employ-

ment with his pastoral duties,—or else two or more congregations must divide the services of a pastor between them. The last expedient is alien to the habits and discordant with the feelings of our churches, and would work only evil. And by permanently employing, from the impulse of necessity, a large portion of his time and strength in other occupations than belong to his own profession, the pastor will be liable to be over taxed,—and declining health, with imperfect preparations for the pulpit, will only be harbingers of estrangement among his people, and his own dismissal.

The remedy for the threatening evil, is with ecclesiastical societies themselves. The Directors of this Auxiliary cannot prescribe the amount of salary to be paid in a given case.—Each society fixes the salary of its own pastor, and assumes the responsibility of his support,—and when its means are inadequate, such aid is extended by the Directors as seems to be needed—no obligation, however, being assumed by them, except for the current year. They can sympathise with the faithful, suffering, uncomplaining laborer in the vineyard of their common Master, but it does not belong to their trust to increase his stipulated salary. Neither would it be wise for the Directors to go before the public sentiment, and make the salary of their beneficiaries, even when really needed and deserved, larger than that of the pastors from whose congregations the resources of the Auxiliary are gathered. A movement in the right direction must begin among the stronger churches. When they have adjusted the salary of their own pastors to the altered circumstances of society and the increased expense of living, they will cheerfully give of their abundance to enlarge the means of comfort and usefulness among the self-sacrificing pastors of our feeble churches.

The increasing receipts of this Society from year to year indicate progress in the Home missionary spirit among our churches. What is given in this cause comes from the spontaneous impulse of the donors. The whole expense by agencies to raise funds for our Society the last twenty years, has been less than \$800,—and for the last twelve years, only \$253. The

contingent expenses of the Society, for the last twenty years, have been less than \$160 annually.—This includes the publishing of its Reports, postages, the salary of the Secretary and all other expenses, except appropriations to congregations and the cost of agencies just mentioned. No charge has been made during that time for office rent and the attendant expenses.

The past year will long be memorable for the noble fund provided by our denomination to erect houses for worship in the Western valley. But to what else than Home Missions in a new form shall we ascribe the pressing call for church edifices, and the unprecedented readiness to unite hearts and hands in meeting the call? The same work has for many years been going on in the Atlantic States, and it would furnish a valuable article of statistics, could we ascertain the number of churches built or repaired, of parsonages and lecture-rooms for social worship provided, and the result of funds employed in supporting pastors among feeble congregations. Our own State, at this moment shows many a foot-print of the beneficence now tending its way Westward, and lining its course with Christian temples. Far more effective in uniting the East with the West will such a path-way be, than the iron bands which ere long are to bind together our border oceans. Whatever other cords may snap under the pressure of sectional interest and party strife, the chords of sympathy, of gratitude, of religious fellowship, will, we trust, prove firm to the last.

Let us, then, gird ourselves with fresh zeal for a work so early begun, so long continued, so signally marked with the favor of Heaven, not yielding to weariness, not satiated by success, while so much remains to be accomplished for our country and the church of God.

The following Delegates were appointed to Corresponding Bodies :—

	Primaries.	Substitutes.
General Conference of Maine,	Rev. Jairus Burt,	Rev. S. H. Allen,
Gen. Association of New Hampshire,	" Hiram Day,	" Charles Hyde,
Gen. Convention of Vermont	" M. Richardson,	" F. T. Perkins.
Gen. Association of Massachusetts,	" G. A. Bryan,	" E. C. Jones.
Evan. Consoc. of Rhode Island,	" C. S. Sherman,	" A. Putnam.
Gen. Association of New York,	" D. W. Havens.	" A. G. Beman.
Gen. Association of Illinois,	" E. Dickinson.	" J. P. Gulliver.
Gen. Association of Michigan,	" Jason Atwater,	" B. S. J. Page.
Gen. Convention of Wisconsin,	" T. P. Sturges,	" E. Hall, D.D.
Gen. Association of Iowa,	" R. C. Larneed,	" H. M. Coltun.
Gen. Assem. which met last at Phila.,	" Jos. Eldridge,	" Adam Reid.
Gen. Assem. which met last at Buffalo.	" I. P. Warren,	" James Averill.
	" S. A. Loper,	" E. F. Burr.

Rev. E. T. Fitch, D.D., was appointed to preach the *Concio ad Clerum* for the present year.

Complaint against the Hartford Central Association, and a memorial from said Association, were taken up and read.

On the following evening it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That the opinions imputed to Dr. Bushnell by the complainants, and the imputation of which is no doubt warranted, if the constructions are just which they conscientiously give to certain quotations from his published books, are opinions with which the ministers in the churches of Connecticut, as represented in this General Association have no fellowship, and the profession of which on the part of candidates for the minis

try, ought to prevent their receiving the license or approbation of any of our Associations ; and further, that where a minister is reasonably charged with holding those opinions, definite charges and specifications should be preferred against him before the proper body, which body should make arrangements to secure for the charges an impartial hearing and decision."

The next morning, the subject was again introduced by Rev. Edwin Hall, D. D., and Rev. Lyman H. Atwater, D. D., who moved and seconded the adoption of two resolutions, instructing the Hartford Central Association. Those resolutions were laid upon the table without debate. Whereupon the following Protest was presented by Rev. Drs. Hall and Atwater :

Against the decision of the General Association in laying on the table, and so refusing to consider the following resolutions, designed to secure an opportunity for an impartial trial of Dr. Bushnell, in case any shall duly present charges, viz. :

" *Resolved*, That the matters alleged, both by Fairfield West and by the complainants, G. A. Calhoun and others, are of so grave a nature as to demand judicial investigation ; and that those who make these allegations are so numerous, so earnest, and in our opinion so intelligent and conscientious, as to render such matters of complaint duly presented by them, or any of them, " Reasonable " ground for such investigation :—

Therefore, *Resolved*, That this body advise the Hartford Central Association that if such complaint be presented in due order and form, they cannot refuse or neglect to secure a just trial of Dr. Bushnell before an impartial mutual council, with the approbation of the associated ministers of this State :"—

The undersigned respectfully and solemnly protest ;—Because though the action is good so far as it goes, and they voted for it, it does not go far enough to redress the evil complained of. It declares the matter alleged, if alleged justly, a sufficient ground for demanding trial and condemnation. Now, Dr. Bushnell and his Church have withdrawn from the Council of Hartford North for the purpose of avoiding the trial advised by the General Association at Danbury ; and the Hartford Central have already declared and persisted in declaring, that to subject Dr. B. to a charge of heresy for the matters alleged, is not merely unreasonable but unjust. How much soever any may desire it, a trial under these circumstances is impossible. The General Association, by refusing to advise the Hartford Central that, on due charges being made, they cannot refuse to secure a just trial before an impartial mutual council, with the approbation of the associated ministers of



this State, have refused the suitable and necessary redress to the complainants, and in so doing, have refused to vindicate and maintain the standards of doctrine on which our union and fellowship are based; they still retain and admit to all their fellowship, privileges and immunities, and that without securing the opportunity for an impartial trial, one who is fully and unequivocally charged with having denied all the great fundamental doctrines of the Gospel of Christ, and with having set forth a scheme which the Fairfield West and others have solemnly and publicly declared to be "another gospel."

EDWIN HALL.

LYMAN H. ATWATER.

*Waterbury, June 23, 1853.*

Rev. Messrs. L. Bacon, D. D., S. W. S. Dutton, and H. P. Arms, were appointed a Committee to answer the above Protest; who reported the following answer, which was adopted by the Association :

"In admitting the Protest of Drs. Hall and Atwater to record, the General Association deem a denial of the reasonings and conclusions of that Protest, a sufficient answer. And in particular we deny,

1. That there is any necessity of any farther action on the part of this General Association, by way of advice to secure a hearing in the proper quarter, for such charges as may be preferred by responsible complainants against any minister in our fellowship. We also deny,

2. That it would be proper for this general Association to declare beforehand that certain charges against a member of a particular Association, shall be tried, and in that way to encroach upon the power and liberty of a particular Association."

The following resolutions were passed :

*Resolved,* That the delegate from the Evangelical Union of Canada West, whom we have been happy to receive on this occasion, be desired to express to that body our fraternal sympathy with their struggles, and our joy in their successes.

*Resolved*, That the Gospel, as God's appointed remedy for the cure of human ills, ought to be so applied in its pacific principles and influence, as to obviate the necessity and prevent the recurrence of war between nations reputedly Christian.

*Resolved*, That the time has come when such a method should be sought, and may, by God's blessing, on suitable efforts, be secured ; especially, between our own country and England.

*Resolved*, That we fully approve and commend to the favor and active support of ministers and Christians within our limits, the special efforts now proposed by the friends of peace to procure the speedy adoption by our own and the British Government, of a provision in their treaties for the settlement of all future misunderstandings by arbitration, as the best resort, instead of the sword.

The Association adjourned with devotional exercises.

The next annual meeting will be held on the 3d Tuesday of June, 1854, New Haven East Association to designate the place.

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## BSTRACT OF NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The Lord of the vineyard continues to remind us that the night cometh when no man can work.

Four beloved brethren have during the year been called to their rest ; Rev. George Perkins, of Norwich ; Rev. Oliver Brown, of Grassy Hill ; Rev. Allen Clark, of Staffordville ; and Rev. Edward Wright, of West Haven, whose sun went down at noon-day, in the midst of his most efficient and useful labors.

The District Associations report the churches to be at peace among themselves united in Christian doctrine, and in adherence to the good old way, giving growing evidence of permanence and prosperity.

The year under review has not been distinguished by frequent outpourings of the Holy Spirit upon the churches; yet revivals of religion are reported in a few instances, while in others some special religious interest has been manifested.

The churches are relying more upon the divine blessing upon the ordinary means of grace, and setting a higher value upon efforts to promote the personal holiness of believers and their constant growth in piety.

Other valuable proofs of spiritual life appear; in new efforts for the benefit of those who are beyond the reach of the ordinary evangelical influences; in the organization of new churches; in the erection of new meeting-houses; in a more liberal provision for the support of the ministry, by the building of parsonages, the furnishing of pastoral libraries, and the increase of salaries, and in steadily increasing contributions to the various objects of Christian benevolence.

While error and infidelity are putting forth strenuous efforts there is an increasing attendance upon the public worship of God, and a growing attachment to the institutions of religion.

Sabbath schools are sustained with increasing efficiency. The Temperance cause is taking stronger hold on the hearts of Christians. They are aiming with great unanimity, and with sanguine hope of success, at the enactment of a prohibitory statute which shall free the State from the odium which attaches to it, as the receptacle of the drunkards, and drunkard makers who are driven by wholesome laws from the bordering States.

The cause of Popular Education is receiving something of the attention it deserves; and seminaries for the education of teachers, are commended to the special consideration and prayers of the ministry and churches.

Yale College continues to flourish in the number of its students, and their diligence and good order. The Theological Seminaries at New Haven and East Windsor continue to enjoy their usual prosperity, and are furnishing some efficient laborers to supply the growing wants of the ever extending vineyard.

# STATISTICAL TABLES.

\* Not consociated.

†Reported last year.

## 1. Hartford North Association.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Install- ed.
Barkhamsted,		120	Vacant,		
Canton, Centre,	1750	207	Jairus Burt,	1826	1826
East Windsor,	1754	190	{ Shubael Bartlett,	1804	1804
Broad Brook,	1851	26	{ S. J. Andrews,	1848	1848
Enfield,		277	Vacant,		
Granby, 1st,		115	C. A. G. Brigham,	1851	1851
" East,	1737	60	C. F. Page,	1834	1850
Hartland, East,	1768	61	Vacant,		
" West,		63	Nelson Scott,	1846	1846
Simsbury,	1682	135	C. G. Goddard,	1850	1850
" Wapping,	1830	97	{ A. McLean,	1809	1809
" Theo. Inst.	1834	77	{ S. T. Richards,	1850	1850
Suffield, 1st,	1710	226	Vacant,		
" West,	1744	82	Bennett Tyler, D. D.	1808	1835
Windsor, 1st,	1630	103	Vacant,		
" Locks,	1844	37	H. J. Lamb,		1853
Poquonnoc,	1841	30	Theodore A. Leete,	1845	1845
		1706	S. H. Allen,	1846	1846
			T. H. Rouse, s. s.,		

*Additional Members.*—Ammi Linsley, North Haven; Levi Smith, W. Thompson, D. D., and N. Gale, E. Windsor Hill; Daniel Hemminway, and A. C. Washburn, Suffield; J. W. Sessions, Essex; Oscar F. Parker; P. F. Sanborne, Nunda, N. Y. Licentiates—Oscar Bissell, Litchfield; George W. Connit, Lockport, N. Y.; Timothy A. Hazen, Canterbury; William B. Lee, Madison; Robert D. Miller, Dammerston, Vt.; Marcus M. Carlton, Columbia, S. C.

## 2. Hartford Central Association.

Hartford, 3d,	1824	460	Horace Bushnell, D. D.	1833	1833
" 4th,	1832	582	Wm. W. Patton,	1843	1846
" 5th,			Vacant,		

2. Hartford Central Association.—*Continued.*

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Install- ed.
Avon, West,	1851	108	Wm. S. Wright,	1851	1853
“ East,		130	Vacant,		
Bristol,	1747	407	Wm. H. Goodrich,	1850	1850
Burlington,		79	Jas. L. Wright,	1839	1849
Collinsville,	1832	153	Chas. B. McLean,	1844	1844
Farmington,	1652	378	Noah Porter, D. D.	1806	1806
Manchester, 1st,	1779	292	Fred. T. Perkins,	1843	1851
“ 2d,			Vacant,		
Plainville,	1840	205	Joel L. Dickinson,		1852
Terryville,		175	Merrill Richardson,	1841	1849
Unionville,			Giles M. Porter,		1852
		2969			

*Additional Members.*—Erastus Scranton, Burlington; Horace Hooker, Hartford, Sec. of Conn. Miss. Soc.; James Noyes, Haddam; Stephen Hubbell, North Stonington; W. G. Jones, Hartford; Geo. E. Hill, Manchester.

## 3. Hartford South Association.

Berlin, Kensington,		81	Royal Robbins,	1816	1816
“ Worthington,			Vacant,		
“ New Britain, 1st,			Horace Winslow,	1837	
“ “ South,	1842	235	Samuel Rockwell,	1832	1843
Glastenbury, North,	1690	178	James A. Smith,	1832	1837
“ South,	1830	133	Fred'k W. Chapman,	1832	1850
“ Eastbury,	1727	114	Aaron Snow,	1841	1841
Middletown, 1st,	1668	313	John R. Crane, D. D.	1818	1818
“ Cromwell,	1715	178	George A. Bryan,	1849	1849
“ South,*			— Dudley, s. s.,		
“ 4th,	1778	114	Lent S. Hough,	1831	1847
Portland, 1st,	1721		Harvey Talcott,	1816	1816
“ Central,	1851		S. G. W. Rankin,		
Southington,	1728	473	Elisha C. Jones,	1837	1837
Newington,	1722	162	Joab Brace,	1805	1805
		1981			

*Additional Members.*—Amos Savage, Hartford, Agent Am. Tr. Soc. Joseph Whittlesey, Berlin; James H. Francis, New York; Wm. Whittlesey, New Britain; Chauncey D. Cowles, Buffalo, N. Y.—Chester S. Lyman, New Haven.

**4. Hartford Fourth Association.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Install- ed.
1st,		544	Joel Hawes, D. D.	1818	1818
2d,		385	Walter Clarke,	1842	1845
West,		210	Myron N. Morris,	1846	1852
East,		477	Samuel Spring,	1822	1833
Pearl-st.			Elias R. Beadle,		
field, 1st,		469	Mark Tucker, D. D.	1817	1845
indsor,	1690	97	K. W. Hooker, D. D.	1821	1849
ill,		188	L. B. Rockwood,	1845	1850
		2370			

*al Members.*—Thomas Robbins, D. D., Librarian, and B. E. Hartford; John Bartlett, West Avon; Isaac Bird; William rner; Charles A. Goodrich; Francis Williams.

**5. New Haven West Association.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Install- ed.
ren, Yale Col.*			Suppl'd by the officers,		
Third-st.*	1826		E. L. Cleveland, D. D.	1833	1833
Howe-st.*	1837	327	Samuel H. Higgins,	1842	1852
			Vacant,		
st,*	1677	142	Vacant,		
irmingham,*	1846	162	Charles Dickinson,	1842	1846
Mt. Carmel,		139	D. H. Thayer,	1853	1853
East Plains,	1795	140	Austin Putnam,	1834	1839
ry,		150	J. R. Arnold, s. s.,		
ck,		134	Charles S. Sherman,	1838	1849
		187	Dillon Williams, s. s.,		
		122	Stephen Topliff,	1828	1841
		66	Asa M. Train, s. s.,		
		70	J. C. Willard, s. s.,		
ven,	1719	119	Vacant,		
		70	Aaron C. Beach,	1842	1842
dge,	1742	184	A. C. Raymond,		
		201			

*al Members.*—Samuel Merwin, Nath. W. Taylor, D. D.; as F. Davies, Jeremiah Day, D. D., Samuel R. Andrews, Elea-Fitch, D. D., Theo. D. Woolsey, D. D., D. L. Ogden, Noah; Jr., New Haven; Fosdick Harrison, North Guilford; John y, Clinton; Josiah Brewer, Middletown; S. S. Jocelyn, Wil-urg, N. Y.; George P. Prudden, Southbury; Henry B. El-pringfield, Mass.; E. B. Chamberlain; Cyrus Brewster.

## 6. New Haven Central Association.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Install- ed.
New Haven, 1st,*	1639	571	Leonard Bacon, D. D.	1824	1825
" North,*	1742	630	S. W. S. Dutton,	1838	1838
" *College-st.	1831	398	Edward Strong,	1842	1842
" *Chapel-st.	1838	398	W. T. Eustis, Jr.,	1846	1848
Fair Haven, 1st,	1830	268	Burdett Hart,	1846	1846
" Westville,*	1832	99	Samuel H. Elliott,	1843	1849
Derby, Ansonia,*	1850	109	Owen Street.	1842	1853
Milford, 1st,	1639	582	Jonathan Brace,	1838	1845
" 2d,*	1741	320	S. G. Dodd,	1852	1852
Waterbury, 1st,	1689	384	Wm. W. Woodworth,	1842	1852
" 2d,*	1852	88	S. W. Magill,	1836	1852
		3647			

## 7. New Haven East Association.

Branford,	1646	209	Timothy P. Gillet,	1808	1808
Cheshire,*	1723	261	Daniel S. Rodman,	1849	1849
Durham, North,	1708	121	James B. Cleaveland,	1852	1852
" South,	1847	92			
East Haven,	1711	238	D. William Havens,	1847	1847
Fair Haven, 2d,	1852	90	N. J. Burton,		1853
" 3d,*	1853		William B. Lee,		
Guilford, 1st,	1641	281	E. Edwin Hall,	1843	1843
" 3d,	1843	214	R. Manning Chipman,	1835	1852
" North,	1725	71	Fosdick Harrison, s. s.,		
Madison, 1st,		393	Samuel N. Shepard,	1825	1825
" North,		115	Phineas Blakeman, s. s.,		
Meriden, 1st,	1729	369	George W. Perkins,	1830	1841
" Central,*	1848	156	Asahel A. Stevens,	1848	1848
Middlefield,*	1744	57	Willard Jones, s. s.,		
N. Haven, Temple st.*	1829	109	Amos G. Beman,		1841
North Branford,	1724	123	Whitman Peck, s. s.,	1844	
Northford,	1750	116	A. C. Pierce,	1849	1853
North Haven,	1718	341	Silas W. Robbins,	1853	1853
Wallingford,*	1675	245	Edwin R. Gilbert.	1832	1832
		3501			

*Additional Members.*—David Smith, D. D., Durham Centre; Stephen Dodd, East Haven; C. A. Goodrich, D. D., David Root, Judson A. Root, New Haven; A. C. Baldwin, Hartford; Orson Cowles, North Haven, Dis. Sec. A. B. C. F. M.; A. V. H. Powell, Middletown; Whitman Peck, North Branford; Ira H. Smith, Wolcott; James R. Mershon. Licentiates—William Aitchison, A. H. Barnes, Henry Blodgett, John C. Bull, Charles H. Bullard, J. Glentworth But

7. *New Haven East Association.—Continued.*

ler, W. H. Chapman, W. B. Clarke, J. M. B. Dwight, John Edmonds, Franklin W. Fiske, William B. Greene, Elias B. Hilliard, Charles J. Hutchins, Samuel Johnson, Henry A. Russell, William D. Sands, W. C. Shipman, Cordial Stows, Albert A. Sturges, Benjamin Talbot, Henry Wickes, John E. Barnes.

8. *New London Association.*

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain. ed.	Install- ed.
Bozrah,	1739	95	Wm. P. Avery, s. s.,	1846	
Bozrahville,	1828	50	Vacant,		
Colchester, 1st,	1702	316	Erastus Dickinson,	1835	1851
East Lyme,		50	Frederick Gridley,	1820	1836
Franklin,	1718	133	Jared K. Avery,	1833	
Griswold, 1st,	1720	113	B. F. Northrop, p. elect,		
"    Jewett City,	1825	64	Thomas L. Shipman,	1826	1843
Groton,	1705	81	G. H. Woodward,	1837	1851
Lebanon, 1st,	1700	120	John C. Nichols,	1831	1840
"    Goshen,	1729	62	Vacant,		
"    Exeter,	1773	73	John Avery,	1848	1848
Ledyard,	1810	89	Timothy Tuttle,	1811	1811
Lisbon, 1st,	1723	94	Levi Nelson,		1804
"    Hanover,	1766	90	James A. Hazen,		1852
Montville,	1720	105	John W. Salter, s. s.		
"    Mohegan,*		50	Vacant,		
North Stonington,	1727	100	Stephen Hubbell,	1830	1853
Norwich, 1st,*	1660	258	Hiram P. Arms,	1830	1836
"    2d,	1760	353	Alvan Bond, D. D.	1819	1835
"    Greeneville,	1833	129	Charles P. Bush,	1841	1846
"    Main st.	1842	197	John P. Gulliver,	1846	1846
New London 1st,	1670	224	Abel McEwen, D. D.	1806	1806
"    2d,	1835	302	Tryon Edwards, D. D.	1834	1845
Preston, 1st,	1698	60	Nathan S. Hunt,	1834	1847
"    Long Society,	1837	24	Vacant,		
Salem,	1793	69	Charles Thompson,	1826	1833
Stonington, 1st,	1674	98	N. B. Cook,	1825	1838
"    2d,	1833	166	William Clift,	1844	1844
Mystic Bridge,*	1852	52	W. R. Long, p. elect,		
		3370			

*Additional Members.*—Eli Hyde, Franklin; Joel R. Arnold, Middlebury; Joseph Hurlbut, New London; Lyman Strong, Colchester; Rodolphus Landfear, Manchester; Stephen Johnson, Fuh Chau, China; Joel W. Newton, Washington, D. C., Chaplain U. S. N.; E. W. Robinson, Lisbon; J. Erskine Edwards, Lancaster, Mass.; George J. Harrison, New Haven.



## 9. Fairfield West Association.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Install- ed.
Bridgeport, 2d,	1830	265	Vacant,		
Darien,	1744	142	Ezra D. Kinney,	1827	1838
Easton,	1763	86	Martin Dudley,	1851	1851
Fairfield, 1st,	1636	180	L. H. Atwater, D. D.	1835	1835
" Greensfarms,	1715	194	Charles Bentley,	1826	1850
" Greenfield,			Thomas B. Sturges,	1842	1842
" Southport,	1843	95	S. J. M. Merwin,	1844	1844
" Black Rock,	1849	56	W. J. Jennings,	1850	1850
Greenwich, 1st,		83	Vacant,	1836	
" 2d,			Joel H. Linsley, D. D.	1824	1847
" Stanwich,	1735		Vacant,		
" North,	1727	103	Frederick Munson,	1847	1847
New Canaan,	1733		Theophilus Smith,	1831	1831
Norwalk, 1st,	1652	302	Edwin Hall, D. D.	1830	1832
" 2d,			David R. Austin,		
Ridgefield, 1st,		262	Clinton Clarke,	1845	1850
" Ridgebury,	1769	60	Philo Canfield,		1852
Stamford, 1st,		267	Vacant,		
" North,	1782	150	Livingston Willard,	1844	1852
" Long Ridge,	1842		Vacant,		
Weston,	1757	57	Z. B. Burr, s. s.,	1843	
Westport,			J. D. Strong,	1853	1853
Wilton,			Vacant,		
		2302			

*Additional Members.*—Nath. Freeman, Charles T. Prentice, Easton; Mark Mead, Greenwich; Sylvanus Haight, Nathan Burton, Ridgebury; William Belden, Fred. H. Ayres, Darius Mead, New York; Henry Fuller, North Stamford; Joseph Fuller, Vershire, Vermont; George Hall, Lodi, N. J.; Isaac Jennings, Stamford; Giles M. Porter, Unionville; B. B. Beardsley, Bridgeport. Licentiates—Zalmon Sperry, Bridgeport; Edwin Hall, Benjamin Parsons, East Windsor Hill; S. B. S. Bissell, S. S. Union, New York.

## 10. Fairfield East Association.

Bridgeport, 1st,†	1695		Vacant,		
Stratford,†	1640	248	Wm. B. Weed,	1839	1839
Huntington,†	1724	150	Wm. B. Curtiss,	1843	185
Monroe,†	1764	101	L. F. Shepard, s. s.		
Newtown,†		90	Jason Atwater,	1828	
Brookfield,	1757	148	Dan C. Curtiss,	1840	1843
New Fairfield,	1742	69	Lewis Pennell,	1833	1849

**Fairfield East Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Install ed
Danbury, 1st,	1696	238	Samuel G. Coe,	1844	1850
“ 2d,*†	1852	28	Wm. C. Scofield,	1852	1852
Lethel,†	1760	196	W. N. Harvey,	1853	1853
Mill Plain,*†	1852	27	E. S. Huntington,		
Redding,	1733	132	Daniel D. Frost,	1846	1846
Warren, 1st,	1730	146	Vacant,		
		1573			

*Additional Members.*—Jonathan Bartlett, Redding; Abner Brundage, Orange, N. J.; John H. Hunter, New Utrecht, N. Y.; John L. Ambler, Harlem, N. Y.; Benj. S. J. Page, Bridgeport; David C. Comstock, Stamford; Robert D. Gardner, Lyme; Henry H. Morgan, St. Clair, Mich.; William T. Bacon, Woodbury; John S. Whittlesey, New Britain; C. N. Seymour.

**11. Windham Association.**

Ashford, 1st,	1718	127	Vacant,		
“ Westford,	1768	71	Charles S. Adams,	1828	1846
Brooklyn,	1734	194	George J. Tillotson,	1831	1831
Canterbury, 1st,	1711	93	Robert C. Learned,	1843	1847
“ Westminster,	1770	108	Reuben S. Hazen,	1821	1849
Chaplin,	1810	136	John R. Freeman, s. s.,		
Eastford,	1778	119	Vacant,		
Hampton,	1723	122	Vacant,		
Killingly, North,	1715	154	Benj. B. Hopkinson, s. s.,	1852	
“ South,	1746	40	Joseph Ayer,	1825	1851
“ West,	1801	294	Thomas O. Rice,	1845	1845
“ Dayville,*	1849	50	Roswell Whitmore, s. s.,	1813	
Windsorfield, South,	1710	167	Anson S. Atwood,	1819	1819
Windsorfield, First,	1705	88	Henry Robinson,	1823	1847
“ Cen. Vill.*	1846	65	James Bates,	1827	1853
Windsorfield, 1st,	1715	147	Daniel Hunt,	1835	1835
“ Abington,	1753	88	Henry B. Smith,	1847	1852
Windsorfield and Voluntown,	1779	73	Jacob Allen, s. s.,	1813	
Windsorfield, First,	1730	270	Andrew Dunning,	1842	1850
“ Quinebaug,*	1848	50	Vacant,		
Windham, 1st,	1700	116	George I. Stearns,	1852	1852
“ Scotland,	1735	107	Thomas Tallman,	1844	1844
“ Willimantic,	1828	131	Samuel G. Willard,	1849	1849
Woodstock, South,		124	Henry M. Colton,	1852	1852

11. Windham Association.—*Continued.*

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.
Woodstock, West,	1747	83	Vacant,	
“ North,		145	Orlo D. Hine,	1841
“ East,		220	Michael Burdett,	1
		3382		

*Additional Members.*—Alvan Underwood, W. Woodstock; The Williams, Providence, R. I.; Philo Judson, Rocky Hill; J. Porter, East Stafford; Jonathan Curtis, Woodstock; Otis B. Wood, Medford, Mass.; Charles J. Warren, New York; Benj. O. Amherst, Mass.; Job Hall, Orwell, Vt.; John D. Baldwin, Boston, Mass., Editor; John E. Taylor, East Windsor Hill; Elijah Huntington, Waterbury; Merrick Knight, East Stafford. Licentiates—John R. Freeman, Chaplain; George Soule.

## 12. Litchfield North Association.

Amenia, N. Y.		48		
Canaan, North,	1769	115	Elisha Whittlesey,	1851
“ South,	1741	109	Harley Goodwin,	1826
Colebrook,	1795	88		
Cornwall, North,	1779	248		
“ South,	1740	114	Ralph Smith,	1836
Ellsworth,	1802	78	William J. Alger,	1852
Goshen,	1740	114	Lavalette Perrin,	1843
Hitchcockville,	1842	63	Luther H. Barber,	1843
Kent,	1741	109		
New Hartford, 1st,	1738	132	Cyrus Yale,	1814
“ North,	1828	122		
“ South,	1848	97	James C. Houghton,	1840
Norfolk,	1760	265	Joseph Eldridge,	1832
North East, N. Y.	1829	55	Isaac DeVoe, s. s.,	1851
Salisbury,	1744	215	Adam Reid,	1837
Sharon,	1740	149		
Torrington,	1759	144	William H. Moore,	1846
Torrington,	1741	63	John A. McKinstry,	1842
Warren,	1756	110	M. M. Wakeman,	
Winchester,	1771	92	John Cunningham, s. s.,	1839
Winsted,*	1790	179		
Wolcottville,	1832	141	Samuel T. Seelye,	1846
		2851		

*Additional Members.*—Fred. Marsh, Winchester Centre; Jonathan Lee, Salisbury; Grove L. Browell, Sharon; Henry Barbour, Fairport, N. Y.; Daniel D. Francis, Fairport, N. Y.; W. W. Andrews, Potsdam, N. Y.; John R. Keep, Columbus, Ohio; Ira Pettibone, Thomas G. Carver.

**13. Litchfield South Association.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Minist'rs.	Ordain- ed.	Install- ed.
Bethlem,	1739	107	Aretas G. Loomis,	1850	1850
Harwinton,	1737		Vacant,		
Litchfield, 1st,	1722		Benjamin L. Swan,	1836	1846
"    South Farms,	1768	133	David L. Parmelee,	1832	1841
"    Northfield,	1795		Lewis Jessup,	1851	1851
"    Milton,	1798		Vacant,		
New Milford, 1st,	1716	435	David Murdock,	1850	1850
"    Bridgewater,	1809		Vacant,		
Plymouth, 1st,	1740	201	Israel P. Warren,	1842	1851
"    Hollow,	1837	166	James Averill,	1841	1852
Roxbury,	1744	186	Austin Isham,	1839	1839
Sherman,	1751		{ Maltby Gelston,	1797	1797
Southbury, 1st,	1732	130	Judson B. Stoddard,	1844	1845
"    South Britain,	1769		Geo. P. Prudden, s. s.,	1839	
Washington, 1st,	1742	145	Amos E. Lawrence,	1848	1851
"    New Preston,	1751	121	Ephraim Lyman,	1835	1852
Watertown,	1738	232	Vacant,		
Woodbury, South,	1670	188	Chauncey Goodrich,	1843	1849
"    North,*	1816	188	Lucius Curtiss,	1846	1846
		263	John Churchill,	1840	1840
		2506			

*Additional Members.*—H. L. Vail, Litchfield; Albert B. Camp, Bristol; W. H. Whittemore, New Haven; W. G. Jones, Hartford; Joseph D. Hull, Suffield; Joel L. Dickinson, Plainville; John Greenwood.

**14. Middlesex Association.**

Chatham, E. Hampton,	1748	115	William Russell,	1842	1846
"    Middle Haddam,	1740	132	James Kilbourn,	1844	1853
Chester,	1742	160	Edgar J. Doolittle,	1842	1853
Clinton,*	1667	169	James D. Moore,	1838	1850
Colchester, Westchester	1729	81	Spofford D. Jewett,	1830	1844
East Haddam, 1st,	1704	194	Isaac Parsons,	1816	1816
"    Millington,	1836	77	Nathaniel Miner,	1826	1833
"    Hadlyme,	1745	91	Vacant,		
Haddam, 1st,	1675	97	E. Colton, s. s.,		
"    Higganum,*	1844	141	Stephen A. Loper, s. s.,	1827	
Killingworth,	1738	250	Hiram Bell,	1840	1850
Lyme, 1st,	1693	159	David S. Brainerd,	1841	1841
"    North,	1727	92	Enoch F. Burr,	1850	1850
"    Grassy Hill,	1755	54	Alpha Miller, s. s.,	1819	
Old Saybrook,	1646	249	Vacant,		

## 14. Middlesex Association.—Continued.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Instal- led.
Saybrook, Centre Br'k,	1725	160	J. W. Sessions, s. s.,	1833	
" Deep River,	1834	250	James A. Clark, s. s.,		
" Essex,*	1852	66	E. W. Tucker, s. s.,		
Westbrook,	1726	263	William A. Hyde,	1833	1838
		2800			

*Additional Members.*—David D. Field, D. D., Stockbridge, Mass.; Ephraim G. Swift, Chester; Enoch S. Huntington, Danbury; Ethan B. Crane, Saybrook; Rufus Smith, East Hartford; Amos S. Chesebrough, Stonington. Licentiates—William C. Foote, Yonkers, N. Y.; Edward D. Chapman, Deep River; Allyn Kellogg, Haganam's Mills, Montgomery Co., N. Y.

## 15. Tolland Association.

Andover,			Vacant,		
Bolton,	1725	91	Lavius Hyde,	1818	1849
Columbia,		118	Fred'k D. Avery,	1850	1850
Coventry, 1st,	1710	133	Charles Hyde,	1823	1849
" North,			G. A. Calhoun, D. D.,	1819	1819
" Village,	1849	95	Henry B. Blake,	1845	1850
Ellington,	1733		George I. Wood,	1840	1850
Gilead,		87	Charles Nichols,	1825	1825
Hebron,			Vacant,		
Mansfield, North,	1744	82	A. R. Livermore,	1843	1843
Marlborough,		73	W. C. Fiske,	1847	1850
Rockville,* 1st,	1837	244	John H. Pettingill, s. s.,		
" 2d,*	1849	197	C. H. Bullard, s. s.,		
Somers,	1727	210	Joseph Vail, D. D.	1814	1845
Stafford, East,	1723	70	Merrick Knight, s. s.,		
" Springs,	1850	47	Hiram Day,	1844	1851
" West,			Vacant,		
Tolland,		115	Abram Marsh,	1829	1831
Union,	1738	49	Samuel J. Curtiss,	1832	1843
Vernon,	1762	248	Albert Smith,	1836	1845
Willington,	1728	95	David Bancroft,	1839	1839
		1954			

*Additional Members.*—Nehemiah H. Beardsley, Somers; Aug. B. Collins, West Stafford; Rodney G. Dennis, Grafton, Mass.; James W. Woodward, Flatbush, L. I.; Andrew Sharpe, Willoughby, Ohio; Edgar J. Doolittle, Chester; William A. Benton, Aleppo, Syria; Charles Little, Madura, Hindostan; Elliot Palmer, Charles Merrill.

## SUMMARY.

Associations	Whole Number of Churches.	Number of Churches consolidated.	Churches with two Pastors.	Churches having one Pastor.	Churches with stated supplies.	Churches vacant.	Pastors ordained at their installation.	Pastors previously ordained.	Average ministerial age of Pastors.	Average pastoral age.	Churches not reported.	Number reported.
Hartford, N.	17	17	2	10	1	5	11	3	15	12	3	1706
Hartford, C.	14	13		11		3	3	8	12	9	3	2969
Hartford, S.	15	14		13	1	1	7	6	22	17	7	1981
Hartford, 4th.	8	8		8			1	7	20	9	1	2370
New Haven, W.	17	12		9	4	4	3	6	13	8	3	2013
New Haven, C.	11	2		11			5	6	15	7		3849
New Haven, E.	20	13		15	4	1	12	3	13	9	1	3501
New London,	29	26		21	3	6	8	13	21	14		3370
Fairfield, W.	23	23		17	2	4	9	8	13	9	7	2302
Fairfield, E.	13	11		9	2		3	6	9	6	1	1573
Windham,	27	24		22		5	8	14	12	5		3382
Litchfield, N.	23	22		16	2	5	9	7	13	8		2851
Litchfield, S.	19	18	1	13	1	4	8	7	13	9	6	2506
Middlesex,	19	16		11	5	2	3	8	16	9		2800
Tolland,	21	19		15	3	3	6	9	17	10	2	1954
	276	238	3	201	28	43	96	111	17	10	34	39177

## YALE COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

(BY REV. LEONARD BACON, D. D.)

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The institution now so widely known as YALE COLLEGE, was founded in the year 1700. Ten pastors of churches, acting by general consent, though not by any formal appointment, for the ministers and churches of Connecticut, met at New Haven for the purpose of founding a "Collegiate School." This purpose was formally carried into effect not long afterwards at Branford. With singular propriety, a collection of books for a college library was made the foundation of the college. Each of the ten "undertakers" presented a number of volumes with words to this effect, as he laid his gift upon the table, "I give these books for the founding of a college in this colony." In October, 1701, an act of incorporation for the collegiate school was granted by the Colonial Legislature, then assembled at New Haven.

By the charter of 1701, the original founders of the institution were constituted a corporation in law under the name of "Trustees of the Collegiate School," with the right of filling their own vacancies, and with full power to establish and govern at such place as they might choose, a collegiate institution of learning, and to confer the usual academic degrees. The trustees were all to be ministers of forty years old and upwards, and were never to be more in number than eleven, or fewer than seven. A yearly payment, equal in value to about sixty pounds sterling, was granted to the corporation from the treasury of the colony.

At first Saybrook, at the mouth of the Connecticut River, was taken as the place for the collegiate school. There a few

students were collected under the instruction and immediate care of one or two tutors ; and there were held the examinations for degrees and the commencements. The "rector," however, as the head of the institution was then called, never resided there ; nor were any adequate buildings provided. While the school remained at Saybrook, the rector, to whom the instruction of the senior class seems to have been specially committed, was always the pastor of a church in some other town.

In 1717, the institution, after much alteration, was removed to New Haven, one of the conditions being that a certain piece of land there should be procured as a place for the college building, and another certain piece for the rector's house. Both those "town lots" were then the property of the First Church in New Haven, and both were alienated to the trustees of the collegiate school, on the most liberal terms, for the sake of an object so important to the interests of religion. The incident is worth mentioning, as showing, in connection with everything else in the early history of the institution, how intimate was the connection between the college and the churches. The college edifice, which was ready for use in 1718, received from the trustees the name of YALE COLLEGE, in honor of Elihu Yale, a native of New Haven, whose parents had returned to England taking him with them while he was yet a child, who having acquired wealth by commerce in the East Indies, had made some liberal donations to the school since it had become identified with his birthplace. The building to which his name was given was of wood, in a much better style of architecture than the factory-like piles of brick and mortar by which it has been superseded. It stood till after the war of the Revolution. The "rector's house," built when the school was removed to New Haven, was demolished only about twenty years ago.

The name which had thus been given to the college building, became in common use the name of the institution itself. By a new charter, granted in 1845, the corporation (trustees of the collegiate school) was honored with the more sonorous title of "President and Fellows of Yale College." A greater change



in the constitution of the Board of Trust was made in 1792, by a compact between the college and the State. By this new arrangement the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the State and the six senior members of the Upper House in the Legislature, were made *ex-officiis* members of the Corporation. Such is at this day the constitution of Yale College. The President and ten Fellows are congregational clergymen ; and to them are added eight laymen, elected to office by the people of the State. The ten clerical Fellows hold their office for life ; and they alone fill the vacancies which occur in their own number. The eight lay members of the Board, who may be of any religious faith, or of none, are constantly changing. In this way it is that the effectual control of the institution is still in the hands of the successors from the original founders.

For the first fifty years, the academic corps of instruction and government consisted of rector or president and tutors. In 1755, the Professorship of Divinity was established, and the officers and students became a worshipping assembly, under the pastoral care of the Professor. In 1770, a Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy was appointed. Soon after the beginning of the present century, under the presidency of Dr. Dwight, two new professorships were established, that of Chemistry, and that of the three learned languages. In 1817, a Professor of Rhetoric was added to the academic force. In 1831, the duties of the Professor of Languages were divided between a Professor of Latin and a Professor of Greek. In 1836, the Professorship of Mathematics was detached from that of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy. In 1846, the instruction in Moral Philosophy and Metaphysics, which had always been among the duties of the President, was committed to a new Professor. More recently, a Professorship of Natural History has been instituted. Such is the present Faculty of the Academic Department—the department for liberal as distinguished from professional education.

Instruction in theology, and the education of young men for the service of the churches in the ministry of the Gospel, was at first the chief end of the Collegiate School. After the establishment of the Professorship of Divinity, graduates preparing

for the ministry often pursued their studies under his direction. This was especially the case while Dr. Dwight held the double office of President and Professor of Divinity. Several of the most eminent divines of the present century were among his pupils in the Theological class. But it was not till 1822, that a Theological Seminary, or Professional School of Theology, was organised as a distinct department of the institution. In that year, a Professorship of "Didactic [Dogmatic] Theology" was endowed, and arrangements were made by the Corporation for courses of instruction to Theological students in Biblical Literature and in Homiletics. In 1824, a Professorship of Sacred Literature was established, and partly endowed. In 1839, the Theological Faculty was strengthened by the appointment of a Professor of the Pastoral Care.\*

The Medical School of Yale College was instituted in 1813. It is the oldest of the professional schools connected with the Institution. In its endowments and means of instruction, it has a highly respectable rank among the medical schools of this country, and the eminence of its Professors is among the honors of the University.

The Law School was commenced partly as a private enterprise, but in connection with the College, in 1826. In 1846, it was reorganized, a valuable library of jurisprudence was provided, and the Faculty of Laws was recognised as a Department of the University under the control of the Corporation.

Another Department was organised in 1846, and is denominated the Department of Philosophy and the Arts. It is a "School of Engineering," and a School of "Applied Chemistry," as well as provision for instruction to graduates in studies more advanced than those of the academical course. Lectures and lessons on various branches are given to the "students in Philosophy and the Arts," by several of the Professors, whose chief employment is in the other Departments of the University, and by three Professors whose relations are exclusively with this Department.

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\* For further particulars relating to the Theological Department, see page 132.

### THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Instructors in this Department are a Professor of Didactic Theology, a Professor of Sacred Literature, the Professor of Divinity in the College, and a Professor of the Pastoral Charge.

The time of admission is at the beginning of the collegiate year. It is desirable that those who join this Department should be present at the commencement of the first term. Those admitted to an advanced standing will be expected to have previously gone over the studies pursued by their respective classes.

The conditions for entrance are hopeful piety, and a liberal education at some College, or such other literary acquisition as may be considered as an equivalent preparation for theological studies.

The terms and vacations are the same with those in the College.

The regular course of instruction occupies three years, and comprises the following subjects :

#### JUNIOR CLASS.

Hebrew Grammar, (Roediger's Gesenius, translated by Conant,) Conant's Hebrew Exercises and Chrestomathy, Principles of Sacred Criticism and Hermeneutics, Critical and Exegetical study of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures, Critical and Exegetical Dissertations, Lectures by the Professors of Sacred Literature on some topics in Introduction to Theology, and in Exegetical Theology, Lectures by the Professor of Didactic Theology on Mental Philosophy including the Will.

#### MIDDLE CLASS.

Lectures by the Professors of Didactic Theology, on Moral Philosophy, Moral Government, Natural Theology, Necessity and Evidences of Revelation, and Systematic Theology. Exegetical study of the Scriptures and Dissertations continued.

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SENIOR CLASS.

**L**ectures on the Structure and Composition of Sermons, and on Public Prayer. Criticism of Skeletons and of Sermons, Exercises in Extemporaneous Speaking and Preaching before the class, Lectures on the Pastoral Charge, on Revivals of Religion, on the History of Modern Missions, and on Expository Preaching, Lectures on Elocution attended by Practice in the Delivery of Sermons.

There are weekly Debates in the Rhetorical Society, at which the Professor of Didactic Theology presides, and in which the members of all the Classes participate.

The Students have access to the College Library, and to the libraries of the several literary Societies in the College.

A building has been erected for the accommodation of students in which the rooms are free of rent ; but each occupant is subject to a charge of \$3,50 a year for incidental expenses. No other charges are made to the students.

In addition to the aid afforded by the the American Education Society, provision is now made for efficient assistance to those who need it. Such persons also have an opportunity of attending, free of expense, the Lectures of Professor SILLIMAN, Professor OLMSTED and others, on Natural Science ; and those preparing for missionary service, also on the Lectures in the Medical Department.

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FACULTY.

Rev. THEODORE D. WOOLSEY, D.D., LL.D., President.

Rev. NATHANIEL W. TAYLOR, D.D.

JOSIAH W. GIBBS, LL.D.

Rev. ELEAZAR T. FITCH, D.D.\*

Rev. CHAUNCEY A. GOODRICH, D.D.

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\* Professor FITCH has consented, at the request of the Corporation, to continue the delivery of his Course of Lectures on Homiletics, in connection with the Theological Department.

## EAST WINDSOR THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.

BY REV. BENNETT TAYLOR, D. D.,—*President.*

The Theological Institute of Connecticut is located on East Windsor Hill, and was founded by the Pastoral Union of Connecticut in 1833. The Pastoral Union is a body of about one hundred Congregational ministers, associated on the basis of a creed embodying the Theological views maintained by Edwards, Bellamy, and other standard Theological writers of New England. The Trustees of the Seminary are annually elected by the Pastoral Union, and consist of sixteen ministers and eight laymen, all of whom are required to give their assent to the Creed of the Pastoral Union. The Professors are elected by the Trustees, and before entering on the duties of their office, must give their assent to the same creed, and repeat their assent annually while continued in office.

Candidates for admission to this Seminary must produce satisfactory testimonials that they possess competent talents, and are members of some Christian church in good standing; and that they have graduated at some college, or have otherwise made literary acquisitions, which, as preparatory to theological studies, are substantially equivalent to a liberal education; and they are to be examined in reference to their personal piety, and their object in pursuing theological study.

The course of study occupies three years, and it is expected that in all ordinary cases students will enter with the intention of completing a full course.

The buildings belonging to the Institute, are a large brick edifice, four stories high, for the accommodation of students, a commodious chapel, three houses for Professors, and a boarding house.

The library contains between five and six thousand volumes.

Three Professorships are fully endowed, and there are some funds for the aid of indigent students.

## V E R M O N T.\*

The General Convention of Congregational Ministers and Churches in Vermont, met at Windsor, June 21, 1853.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Silas Aiken, D.D., from Matthew 10 : 34.

The Convention was organized by the choice of

Rev. Silas Aiken, D.D., Moderator.

Rev. William B. Bond, Scribe.

Rev. G. W. Noyes, Assistant Scribe.

The following resolutions on Peace were discussed and unanimously adopted :

*Whereas*, Those who feel deeply the evils of War, are making an effort, on an extensive scale, to petition the President of the United States to introduce into all treaties, when practicable, an article by which it shall be stipulated that difficulties which cannot be settled by negotiation, shall be referred to an umpire for decision ; and whereas, the effort contemplates the removal of the terrible scourge of war, is demanded by the cause of humanity, and is vitally connected with the interests of freedom and the extension of the Gospel among the nations ; therefore,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That by our sermons, by our prayers, and by all reasonable efforts, we will, as clergymen and laymen, contribute our influence to give effect to the noble enterprise contemplated.

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\* The Statistics of this State were not received in time to be inserted in their proper place.

*Whereas*, This subject vitally interests all the inhabitants of our country, even to its utmost borders ;

*Resolved*, That we respectfully request each of the Ecclesiastical bodies of this country with which we hold correspondence, to act on this vastly important subject.

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Convention regard with great satisfaction the enactment of the existing law on the subject of Temperance—a law which we believe is operating most efficiently, and at the same time most quietly, for the accomplishment of its great object.

The annual meetings of the Vermont Sabbath School Society, of the Vermont Domestic Missionary Society, and of the Vermont Education Society, were held on the second day of the Convention.

The Committee appointed last year to report to this Convention what action ought to be taken with reference to the interests of the Bible cause in Vermont, presented the following report, which was adopted :

“ 1. That in the judgment of your Committee, there are some reasons in view of which an efficient and well-conducted State organization in behalf of the Bible cause may be very desirable.

“ 2. That they find that not only is a strong attachment felt by many to our State Society, but that just now an earnest effort is being made by its friends and managers to infuse new energy and carefulness into its proceedings, particularly to make it specially useful as an organization for the State.

For these reasons, it seems to your Committee that the present is not a time for abandoning our State organization, but rather for the cordial co-operation of our churches and clergy, and from County Societies, in its present endeavors.”

The Committee of Overtures presented the following resolution :

*Whereas*, The American Home Missionary Society has, through

the good Providence of God, become widely extended in its operations, occupying to a greater or less extent twenty-seven States and Territories, and having more than a thousand missionaries in its connection, and acting as the organ of Congregational and Presbyterian churches throughout our wide-spreading country, it is desirable that it should have an anniversary corresponding with its character, importance, and the magnitude of the interests which it seeks to promote ; therefore—

*Resolved*, That the Board of Managers be respectfully requested to consider the expediency of removing the anniversary of the Home Missionary Society out of its present confined position among those held in the city of New York, that it may be held hereafter at different places, from time to time, after the manner of the A.B.C.F.M.

The following Committee was appointed to transmit this resolution to the Managers of the Home Missionary Society, with such explanations as they deem proper :—Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. J. Anderson, and Rev. Dr. Walker.

The following Committee was appointed to take charge of and disburse the funds, should any come to this State, from the \$50,000 Building Fund,—Rev. Dr. Walker, Dr. Aiken, and J. F. Stone.

The following resolution, presented by the Committee of Overtures, was passed :

*Resolved*, That this Convention regard with high satisfaction the proceedings of the late Congregational Convention held at Albany, and recognize with devout thankfulness the Providence of God in the assembling of that body, in the Christian spirit which marked its deliberations, and in the wisdom and extraordinary and admirable harmony exhibited in the unanimous adoption of the important measures on which they were called to act, and especially on the subject of Home Missions and Slavery.



## Delegates to Foreign Bodies were appointed as follows :

	Primaries.	Substitutes.
Gen. Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (New Sch.)	Rv. R. A. Watkins,	Rev. R. C. Hand-
General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (Old Sch.)	" S. C. Clapp,	" J. H. Guernsey -
Gen. Association of Connecticut.	" H. F. Leavitt,	" G. W. Noyes.
Gen. Association of New York,	" Silas Aiken,	" Aldace Walker -
Gen. Association of Michigan,	" E. W. Taylor,	" S. R. Thrall.
Gen. Convention of Wisconsin,	" J. H. Worcester,	" E. H. Dorman.
Gen. Association of Illinois,	" S. P. Giddings,	" A. Hyde.
Gen. Association of Iowa,	" Jos. Chandler,	" John Dudley.
Free-Will Baptist Yearly Meeting,	" T. S. Hubbard,	" Moses Robinson
Gen. Association of New Hampshire,	" S. P. Giddings,	" Azariah Hyde.
General Conference of Maine,	" S. Sparhawk,	" Cyrus B. Drake.
Gen. Association of Massachusetts,	" E. Cleveland,	" F. Warriner.
Con. Union of Cana- da East,	" S. R. Hall,	" J. N. Loomis.
	" Nelson Bishop,	" J. Walker.
	" Josiah Merrill,	" J. Clement,
	" S. M. Plympton,	" Solon Martin.
	" E. Cutler,	" Daniel Warren.
	" A. D. Barbour,	" W. T. Herrick.

The Report of the state of the churches was read, and state-  
ments made by Delegates from other States.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered :  
sermon by Rev. J. B. Bittinger, from 1 Tim. 3 : 16.

After devotional exercises, the Convention adjourned, to meet  
at St. Albans, on the 3d Tuesday in June, 1854.

## N A R R A T I V E.

The Report from the District Associations present a varied aspect, some churches have been reduced by death and emigration ; but the greater number speak of the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit, and a consequent increase of numbers and of strength. In not a few congregations there has been universal religious interest, and several interesting cases of hopeful conversions. In other instances the churches have manifested increasing confidence in the ordinary means of grace, giving hope that a more prosperous state is gradually approaching, and that they begin to recover from the reaction of former extravagancies.

It is gratifying to observe that in revivals of religion reported in different parts of the State, a number of the *young* have become the hopeful subjects of renewing grace, several of whom have been received into the church.

In summing up the statistics of 198 churches, it appears that 272 have been removed by death ; 370 dismissed to other churches ; and 13 have been excluded. There have been added, by profession 333, and by letter 327 ; a net increase of but five members. The whole number of members is eighteen thousand six hundred and twenty-three.

Four standard bearers have fallen during the year, though three of them had previously left the State, and were serving the Master in other fields.

Rev. JOEL DAVIS, of the Royalton Association, died in Berlin, Feb. 6, after having labored in the ministry almost half a century. Most of this time he was a Pastor, first at Barnard, and then Williamstown. The last few years of his life was devoted to the Home Missionary cause, supplying destitute churches and congregations. He was a sound spiritual-minded man, a lover of order, having at heart the welfare of the

churches, and the honor of the Master. His last sermon preached a few days before his death, was from the text, "It is finished." His work on earth is ended, but his reward will never end.

REV. CHARLES BOSWELL, of the Orange Association, and for a number of years Pastor of the church in West Fairlee, died Feb. 25, at Babcock's Grove, Ill., where he had organized a church, and been labouring for a short time with encouraging prospects. He was an earnest and faithful laborer, of warm sympathies, and honest intentions; and we cannot doubt that the Saviour has called him to his own home.

Rev. SAMUEL MELLEN STONE, of the Windsor Association, and a number of years Pastor of the church in Chelsea, died at Lebanon, N. H., April 21, aged 41. Two years since he removed to Nelson, N. H., and entered upon his work as Pastor of that church, but in less than a year, the gradual approaches of a lung disease compelled him to abandon the labors of the pulpit. Early the last spring, being convinced that his work on earth was done, he removed to the house of his father-in-law, in Lebanon, to die. And there with composure and cheerfulness, he waited the summons of his Lord. Nor did he wait long. His disease made rapid progress, and his sufferings were soon over.

Rev. H. N. GRAVES, of the Windham Association, was ordained over the church in Townshend in 1833, and remained the faithful and successful Pastor of that church for twelve or fifteen years. Some five or six years since he was laid aside by sickness, and died of consumption in Orange, New Jersey, last Fall. He is remembered with strong affection by his former parish and brethren in the ministry.

Thus one by one, is the Saviour fulfilling his promise to us: "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Three of our pastors, during the year, have been obliged by ill-health, to relinquish, for a time at least, their pastoral labors: Richard C. Hand, of Bennington; Elihu Loomis, of Pownal; and A. H. Clapp, of Brattleboro'.

As to education, the aspect of things has varied but little during the year. The common school system is still without that general supervision which is necessary to its highest efficiency. Academies are numerous, especially in the northern portions of the State, are well conducted, and well sustained. Of the College at Middlebury, the report from Addison Association says, "It is believed to be steadily increasing in favor with God and man. Its greatest need at present is the dew and the rain of God's Spirit." The report from Winooski Association says: "There has been nothing of special religious interest in the University; yet there is a steadfastness of pious students in the faith, a constant maintenance of the weekly prayer meeting, attended more or less, sometimes considerably, by those who are not pious, with occasional instances of conversion, which are encouraging." The prospects of that institution were never brighter, nor has it ever numbered as many students as at the present time.

On the subject of Temperance, perhaps it does not become us to speak just at this time with very much confidence. We are in the midst of an experiment, of the result of which, however, there can be little doubt if our present liquor law is permitted to have a fair trial. The enactment of that law was regarded by the good amongst us, as marking an era in the temperance enterprise more encouraging and full of hope than any which preceded it. And thus far, these hopes have not been disappointed. The law works well, and promises well for the future. We are assured from various parts of the State that it is winning friends from among those who first opposed it. It has already wrought a favorable change in the aspect of things in many communities. And the efforts of the opposition to render it odious by electing officers who, instead of carrying out the law, would endeavor to thwart the object of it by disregarding some of its plainest provisions, seem to be working on the whole favorably. In the language of one report, "Their nullification scheme is too barefaced and unprincipled to be palatable to the law-abiding spirit of Vermonters." Be-

sides, though in some cases the County Commissioners have seen fit to appoint agents to sell, in a few towns only, yet where no agent has been appointed, we are assured that the people get along very well—much better than under the former system. From most parts of the State the assurance comes that the prohibitory features of the law are, and will be enforced though every expedient which avarice, appetite, and legal chicanery can suggest, has been and will be resorted to, to prevent it. And in some instances the rum party has triumphed by the help of jurors so debased as to bring in a verdict not according to facts, as their oaths required, but *according to their views what the law ought to be*. It is earnestly to be desired that our present law may be allowed to remain substantially unaltered, till its efficiency in banishing from our State the indiscriminate traffic in intoxicating drinks is fairly tested. The interests of temperance require this ; and the higher interest of Christ's kingdom seem to require the same. There can be little doubt that the feeling awakened in this cause in the former part of the last winter, during the pendency of the question before the people, served to divert the attention of the community from matters more intimately and immediately connected with the salvation of the soul and the revival of God's work. The exigencies of the case seemed to demand, for the time being, a concentration of feeling and effort to one thing. The consequent diminution of interest and effort in reference to the more comprehensive field of personal godliness and the salvation of the soul, did not *necessarily* follow from this ; and yet it was a result which, with a slight knowledge of human nature, might have been anticipated. We trust therefore, on all accounts, that the full tide of successful experiment which is now bearing us rapidly onward in this reform, may not be interrupted, till the wisdom—or if any still think it must be so folly—of our present law is fully established. We have heard during the progress of our meeting, from the venerable Register of this Convention, of the rich and extensive revivals which followed a great agitation of the cause of Peace in this State a little more than twenty years ago. We trust that the agita-

tion through which we have passed on the subject of temperance, and the happy results at which we have arrived, may prove to be not less a preparative for. and harbinger of, the triumphs of God's grace in quickening the people of God, and in turning men to righteousness.

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

\* Not reported. S. S., stated supply. Ministers not members of Association, in *italics*,

1. North Western Association.					
Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Alburgh,		17	Calvin B. Cady, s. s.,		
Bakersfield,		109	Daniel Warren,		
Berkshire, East,*		60			
"    West,*					
Cambridge,		51	C. Granger, s. s.,		
Eden,		21			
Enosburgh,		162	Cephas H. Kent,		1852
Fairfax,		54			
Fairfield,		47	Charles C. Adams,		
Franklin,		41	Lyndon S. French,		
Fletcher,*					
Georgia,		92	Geo. W. Ranslow,		
Highgate,		52			
Johnson,		105	Jas. Dougherty,		
Montgomery,		53	Sewall Paine,		
Morristown,		93	S. Robinson,		
Sheldon,		34	Preston Taylor, s. s.,		
St. Albans, 1st,		129	Ebenezer Cutler,		
"    Bay,		75	E. W. Kellogg, s. s.,		
Swanton,		94	Eben. H. Dorman,		
Waterville,		33	John Gleed, s. s.,		
Westford,		151	J. H. Woodward,		
Wolcott,		38	Carey Russell, s. s.,		
Total. 23		1511	17		

*Unsettled.* — Worthington Smith, D. D., President of University of Vermont, Burlington; John Wheeler, D. D., Burlington; Henry P. Hickok, Burlington; Samuel Marsh, Underhill; E. J. Boardman, Randolph Centre; B. B. Newton, St. Albans; Tertius Reynolds, Fairfax; Amos J. Sampson, Swanton.

**2. Addison Association.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
*  gh,* ry, * en,* * s, e, i		38	Benjamin Abbott,	1853	
		189	F. W. Olmstead,		
		45	S. Morgan, s. s.		
		195	Gurdon W. Noyes,		
		37	Buel Smith, s. s.,		
		429	{ T. A. Merrill, D. D.		
			{ R. S. Kendall,		
		26			
		242	Samuel Hurlbut,		
		38	A. Heminway, s. s.,		
tal, 14		72	Geo. W. Barrows,		
		198	J. F. Goodhue,		
		207	H. F. Leavitt,		
		65	T. A. Merrill, D.D. s. s.,		
		34			
		1815	11		

—Benjamin Labaree, D. D., Middlebury; James Meacham, Middlebury; J. B. Bittinger, Middlebury; Joshua Bates, D. D. Groton, Mass.; William C. Fowler, Amherst, Mass.; Benjamin Addison.

**3. Royalton Association.**

l, North, *  West, * ge,* ge, tal, 13		69			
		61	M. Kingman,		
		154	Daniel Wild,		
		89	A. Fleming,		
		67			
		135	Thos. S. Hubbard,		
		60	Abel Patten, s. s.,		
		189	S. Sparhawk, s. s.,		
		66			
		267	A. Manson,		
ge,* ge, tal, 13		258	Cyrus B. Drake,		
		88			
		69	Eben. Smith. s. s.,		
		1572	9		

—Ammi Nichols, Dover, Illinois; John A. Vinton, South Mass.; Calvin Selden, Jamaica; Thomas W. Duncan, East on.



**4. Montpelier Association.**

Churches.	Organ- ized	Members.	Ministers	Ordain- ed.	Settled
Barre,*		198	Andrew Royce,		
Berlin,		89	Austin Hazen,		
Marshfield,*					
Middlesex*		46			
Montpelier,		338	William H. Lord,		
Northfield,*		89			
Plainfield,*		75			
Stowe,*		43			
Waitsfield,		135	Charles Duren,		
Waterbury,*		98	C. C. Parker, s. s.,		
Williamstown,		90	E. W. Taylor,		
Woolcott,*			Carey Russell, s. s.,		
Worcester,*		46	C. M. Winch, s. s.,		
Total, 13		1247	8		

*Unsettled.*—James Hobart, Berlin; A. G. Pease, ———; A. Smith  
Boscawen, N. H.; J. F. Stone, Secretary V. D. M. S., Montpelier.

**5. White River Association.**

White River,		124	Josiah Merrill,		
Norwich, North,*		209			
Hartland,		57	Sam'l Delano, s. s.,		
Norwich, South,		105	Prof. Noyes, s. s.,		
Pomfret,		33	Elihu Smith, s. s.,		
Quechee,		49	Heman Rood, s. s.,		
Sharon,		60	John Adams,		
West Hartford,*		85	William Claggett,		
Windsor,		167	Franklin Butler,		
Weathersfield, E.		77	Moses Kimball,		
Woodstock,		150	J. Clement, D. D.,		185
Total, 11		1116	10		

*Unsettled.*—Ed. B. Emerson; David Greene, Windsor.

**6. Lancaster Association.**

Granby,		23	John Wooster,		
Guildhall,		48			
Lunenburg,*		106			
Concord,*		60			
Total, 4		237	1		

*Unsettled.*—Jeremiah Glines, Lunenburgh.

**7. Caledonia Association.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Settled
		199	John Dudley, s. s.,		
		243	Asaph Boutelle,		
		103	Jos. Underwood,		
		66	E. H. Caswell, s. s.,		
		140	F. Warriner, s. s.,		
		46	John Clark,		
		16	John Clark, s. s.,		
		61	S. W. Bannister, s. s.,		
		24	James Hobart, s. s.,		
ury, 1st,		109	C. B. Tracy, s. s.,		
2d,		212	William B. Bond,		
South,		84	S. G. Clapp,		
3d,		85	J. H. Gurney,		
		137	Ed. Cleveland,		
al, 14		1525	14		

—Luther Jewett, St. Johnsbury; James Johnson, St. Johnsbury; T. Kidder, St. Johnsbury; Kiah Bailey, Hardwick; Hubbard, Barnet.

**8. Orange Association.**

		177	Silas McKeen,		
		98	Solon Martin,		
		33			
		246	Artemas Dean, Jr.,		
		15			
		45			
		56	— Stewart, s. s.,		
		250	T. F. Clary,		
		34			
		53			
er,		56	S. M. Plimpton,		
n,*		39			
lee,		97			
al, 13		1199	6		

—Dan Blodgett, Randolph; Stephen Morse, Thetford; Ed-  
ler, New York City.

## 9. Bennington Association.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministars.	Ordain- ed.	Se- c-
Manchester,		140	James Anderson,		
Rupert,		72	R. A. Watkins.		
Dorset,		129	Cyrus Hudson,		
Sunderl'd & Arlington,		22			
Pawlet,		165	Elijah H. Bonney,		
Bennington, 1st,		186	Richard C. Hand,		
"    2d,*		96			
Sandgate,		12			
Pownal,		14	Elihu Loomis,		
Total, 9		833	6		

*Unsettled.*—J. D. Wickham, Manchester; Aretas Loomis, Hebron, N. Y.; Gordon Hays, Bennington.

## 10. Orleans Association.

Albany,*		60	Phineas Bailey, s. s.,		
Barton,		67	C. E. Ferrin,		
Brownington,*		72	A. L. Twilight, s. s.,		
Charleston, West,		15	J. T. Howard, s. s.		
Coventry,		100	A. R. Gray,		
Craftsbury,		132	S. R. Hall,		
Derby,		93	O. T. Lanphear,		
Glover,*		60	Levi H. Stone,		
Holland,*		17	J. T. Howard,		
Greensboro,*		99	J. P. Stone, s. s.,		
Lowell,		31	Jubilee Wellman,		
Morgan,		41	Jacob S. Clark,		
Newport,*		42	M. Robinson, s. s.,		
Troy, South,		21	C. W. Piper, s. s.,		
"    North,		45	C. W. Piper, s. s.,		
Westfield,		43			
Total, 16		938	11		

*Unsettled.*—J. A. Loomis, Craftsbury; Moses P. Clark, Greensboro; Geo. Stone, North Troy; James Johnson, St. Johnsbury; Ors Pearson, Peacham; Lyman Case, Coventry.

## 11. Rutland Association.

Benson,		221	Azariah Hyde.		
Brandon,		183	F. B. Wheeler,		
Castleton,		273	Joseph Steele,		
Clarendon,		69	J. B. Clark, s. s.,		

11. Rutland Association.—*Continued.*

Churches.	Organized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordained.	Settled.
n,		26	Chauncy Taylor,		
ille,		6	S. R. Thrall, s. s.,		
l,		112	S. L. Herrick, s. s.,		
n,		13			
olly,		16			
on,		36	A. S. Swift, s. s.,		
		174	R. S. Cushman,		
wn,		80	J. C. Beckwith,		
		190	Chas. Walker, D. D.,		
		152	Jacob Blakeley,	1853	
		306	Silas Aiken, D. D.,		
West,		241	Aldace Walker,		
		12			
rd,		65	H. Sanderson, s. s.,		
l,		56	Horace G. Finch, s. s.,	1853	
t,*		45			
Total, 20		2276	16		

—H. O. Higley, Castleton; Ulric Maynard, E. J. Hallock,  
on; L. D. Tilden, Bethel; S. S. Williams, Orwell; C. C.  
, Waterbury.

## 12. Windham Association.

alls,		20	James Aiken, s. s.,		
ro, East,		294	A. H. Clapp,		
West,		181	Joseph Chandler,		
ton,*		138	B. F. Foster,		
lle,		86	Chas Whiting, s. s.,		
		144	M. B. Bradford,		
		58			
Vest,		45	Seth S. Arnold, s. s.,		
		68	Calvin Selden, s. s.,		
*		44	Charles Scott, s. s.,		
		125	Asa F. Clark,		
		133	Amos Foster,		
River,		100	J. G. Wilson, s. s.,		
		35			
d,		183	John Wood,		
West,		81	Philetus Clark,		
o,		49	Joseph B. White, s. s.,		
N.		72	Willard Brigham,		
ter, E.*					

**12. Windham Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Set—
Westminster, W.,		145	Alfred Stevens,		
Windham,		100	R. Parkinson, s. s.,		
Winhall,*		66			
Total, 22		2117	17		

*Unsettled.*—Broughton White, Putney; S. R. Arms, Springfield;  
James Tufts, Monson. Mass.

**13. Winooski Association.**

Burlington,		359	J. H. Worcester,		
Charlotte,		139	C. M. Seaton, s. s.,		
Colchester,		50	J. K. Converse, s. s.,		
Essex,		117	John D. Sands,		
Hinesburg,		103	Otto S. Hoyt,		
Jericho, 1st,		129	— <i>Pierce</i> , s. s.,		
“ 2d,		32	<i>Samuel Marsh</i> , s. s.,		
Milton, 1st,		39	S. Parmelee, s. s.,		
“ 2d,		21	G. Rood, s. s.,		
Richmond,		93	Zenas Bliss, s. s.,		
Shelburn,		33	B. W. Smith, s. s.,		
South Hero,*		43	O. G. Wheeler,		
Underhill, 1st,		61	<i>C. F. Halsey</i> , s. s.,		
“ 2d,		17	<i>Samuel Marsh</i> , s. s.,		
Williston,		120	A. D. Barbour,	1852	
Winooski,		55	Wm. T. Herrick,		
Total, 16		1411	16		

*Unsettled.*—Joseph Torrey, D. D., Burlington; Stephen B. Holt,  
Luther G. Bingham, New York city. Licentiate—Prof. Calvin  
Pease, Burlington.

**14. Windsor Association.**

Chester,		102	J. DeF. Richards,		
Ludlow,		92			
Cavendish,*		45			
Bridgewater, N.*		26			
“ S.*		25			
Plymouth,*		50			
Springfield,		282	S. P. Giddings,		
Weathersfield,		128	Thos. H. Canfield,		
Weston,		67	John Walker,		
Perkinsville,		9			
Total, 10		826	4		

*Unsettled.*—Nelson Bishop, Windsor; Joseph Tracy, Boston, Mass.;  
E. H. Squier, Lewis, N. Y.; Thomas Kidder, St. Johnsbury.

## NEW - YORK.

The General Association of New York convened for its twentieth Annual Session, at the Congregational Church in New York, on Wednesday, August 24, 1853, at 10 A. M., Rev. B. Parsons was chosen Moderator ; Rev. Henry Belden, Scribe ; Rev. P. S. Pratt, Assistant Scribe ; Rev. O. E. Daggett, D. D., Registrar and Treasurer.

The Committee appointed last year, on the Statistics of Congregational Churches in this State, presented a report which was received with great interest ; of which the following is abstract :

The Churches reported are divided into three classes :

1. Independent Congregational Churches, reported in the last published Minutes of the General Association.
2. Independent Congregational Churches *not* so reported :
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3. Congregational Churches connected with Presbytery on the 'Plan of Union.'

The whole number of Congregational Churches in the State, far as ascertained, is 361 ; of which 150 are reported in the Minutes of the General Association, 90 more are Independent Churches, and 121 are connected with Presbytery. Some 10 or other Churches are included in the Minutes, several of which are in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, near the borders of New York.

Of the remaining Independent Churches in the State, several will naturally be included in the published Minutes for the present year, in connection with the Associations recently formed

in the Eastern and South-western portions of the State. Others of them are Churches that have been newly organized, or have withdrawn from Presbytery during the past year, most, or all of which have already become connected with some District Association, and will appear in the next Annual Minutes. Fifteen such Churches have been reported to the Committee, of which nine have been newly formed, and six have withdrawn during the year.

There are also a few of these Churches composed of persons of treme views upon the slavery question, who are not satisfied with the moderate and Christian anti-slavery position of the great majority of the Congregational Churches and ministers in this State, and who *desire* no ecclesiastical fellowship with this Association.

The number of Churches connected with *Presbyterian bodies* upon the "Plan of Union," is probably considerably larger than is here represented. The Committee have found considerable difficulty in obtaining the statistics of these, and are aware that their list is incomplete. The great majority of them are connected with that branch of the Presbyterian Church whose General Assembly met last at Buffalo, and *are reported in their published Minutes as regular Presbyterian Churches.*

With respect to a number of counties, the Congregational brethren residing in the neighborhood have not been in possession of the information desired, nor able to obtain it. In several instances it has been promptly and cheerfully furnished by esteemed ministerial brethren of the Presbyterian Church; but others of them have treated the matter with entire neglect, and some have entirely refused to communicate the information which we had courteously asked at their hands.

These circumstances render our Report of the "Plan of Union" Churches necessarily incomplete, but the probable number is about one hundred and fifty.

The list of Churches whose form of government has been changed from Congregational to Presbyterian, is probably far from including *all* such changes, although substantially correct,

so far as it goes. The whole number so reported is *seventy-five*, and among them are some of the most prominent and important Churches in the State. The First Presbyterian Churches in the villages of Binghamton, Owego, Elmira, Rome, Auburn, Palmyra, Brockport, Batavia, Warsaw and Fredonia, and the First Presbyterian Church of the city of Buffalo, are among the number.

One of the most striking deficiencies suggested by our Report, is the lack of an adequate number of well-qualified and efficient ministers of our own denomination. On account of it, many of our Churches are in a feeble and languishing state, and many that are thoroughly Congregational in sentiment and practice, remain in a state of dependency upon another denomination. Several of the Independent Churches, and the great majority of the "Plan of Union" Churches, have Presbyterian pastors or stated supplies, and a considerable number are entirely destitute of ministerial aid. Probably the excess of Congregational Churches over the ministers of the same denomination in the State, is not less than *one hundred and fifty*.

In many of the "Plan of Union" Churches, the great mass of members are still thoroughly Congregational. They are with us in sentiment and sympathy, and would prefer to be with us in fact. Some of them maintain their present connection, and perhaps wisely, for the sake of internal harmony, and to avoid division in the Church. But there are others who would be with us if their *ministers* were with us. It is manifest that there is needed, both in this and the Western States, a great increase of ministerial aid—of men sound in the faith, who love the order of our Pilgrim Fathers, and are thoroughly furnished for the work.

Yet, with all these disadvantages there is abundant reason for encouragement. The North-eastern, the Southern, and the Western portions of the State, are still to a great extent Congregational, and increasingly so. The New York and Brooklyn Association numbers more than twenty Churches that have come into existence within ten years. Fifteen new



Churches, and two new District Associations, have been added to our number during the past year, and there is hope of still larger increase.

Let us, therefore, "thank God and take courage;" and while we regard sacredly the *rights* of our brethren of other evangelical denominations, and manifest towards all of them uniform kindness and Christian courtesy, let us labor with renewed diligence and effort for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, and for the extension of the principles of Christian faith and ecclesiastical polity which our fathers loved, and which we hold dear.

In the evening Rev. O. E. Daggett, D. D., preached a sermon from Philemon, 2nd verse, "To the Church in thy house."

The first hour of the morning sessions was spent in prayer.

Some statements having been made in regard to the condition of the Churches in Western Pennsylvania, and various reports having been presented by delegates to and from corresponding bodies, in reference to the condition and progress of religion within their bounds, it was

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed to consider the subject of an increased supply of Congregational Ministers, and of Missionary labor in feeble and destitute Churches, and report at the next meeting of the General Association. Rev. Messrs. R. S. Storrs, Jr., Ray Palmer, D. D., William Bement, B. B. Parsons and O. E. Daggett, D. D., were appointed said Committee.

Drs. Lansing and Daggett, and Rev. W. Bement, were appointed a Home Missionary Committee; and to them was referred the following report on Western Pennsylvania:

That the territory contiguous to the line dividing the States of New York and Pennsylvania constitutes an important field of Missionary labor, and ought to be explored and cultivated much more efficiently than has heretofore been done, or is likely to be under the present system of culture.

In the efforts that may be made to supply this destitution, while we would adhere to the right of pre-occupancy, as recognized in our relations with the Presbyterian Church, we un-

derstand that right to apply to an actual pre-occupancy, and not a merely nominal one, and we are satisfied that the rule, grounded on that right, ought not to be so rigidly enforced, as to operate oppressively upon individual congregations.

At 3 o'clock the business of the Association was suspended for the purpose of engaging in religious worship. Rev. J. H. Bisee, delegate from the Association of Massachusetts, preached from Col. 1 : 28, " Whom we preach, &c." After the sermon the Association united with the Church in Owego in celebrating the Lord's Supper.

The following Delegates to Foreign Bodies were appointed :

	Principal.	Alternate.
General Conference of Maine,	Rev. Henry Belden,	Rev. M. S. Platt,
Gen. Association of New Hampshire,	" Amazi Camp,	" S. M. Campbell,
General Convention of Vermont,	" Thos. Harries,	" C. C. Stevens,
Gen. Association of Massachusetts,	" B. B. Parsons,	" N. H. Eggleston,
Gen. Association of Connecticut,	" S. P. Marvin,	" C. O. Reynolds,
Evangelical Consociation of Rhode Island,	" Pindar Field,	" William Patton, D. D.
Gen. Association of Illinois,	" D. C. Lansing, D. D.	" Chester Fitch,
Gen. Association of Michigan,	" P. C. Pettibone	" Wm. P. Marsh,
Presbyterian & Cong. Convention of Wisconsin.	" W. T. Reynolds	" H. T. Cheever,
General Assembly of Pres. Church, N. S.,	" Ray Palmer, D.D.	" R. S. Storrs, Jr,
Gen. Association of Iowa,	" J. H. Dill,	" Z. Eddy,
Gen. Convention of Ohio,	" L. F. Waldo,	" Wm. Bement,

The following resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That in continuing our correspondence with ecclesiastical bodies having Churches in slave-holding States, this Association, so far from expressing any satisfaction with the practice of slave-holding, desire it to be understood that, in connection with other objects, it is for the purpose of bearing their continued and earnest testimony against the sin of slave-holding and exerting their appropriate influence in favor of its speedy removal.

*Resolved*, That while the General Association of New York entertain a profound regard for our large publishing societies, and rejoice in the great good they are accomplishing, they would express an earnest desire that these societies would not make the subject of slavery an exception in their efforts to rid the world of all iniquity by diffusing throughout it an evangelical literature, but would set forth in their publications the sentiment of our common Christianity on the enormous sin of slavery with the same freedom and faithfulness with which they exhibit and rebuke all other sins.

#### CHURCH EDIFICES FOR THE WEST.

*Resolved*, That the General Association regard with interest and favor the publication on the subject of Church building, about to be issued by the Committee of the late Albany Convention, and particularly the drawings prepared for that work and laid before this Association at the present meeting. We have reason to believe that the publication in question will be fitted to diffuse proper examples and suggestions on the subject of which it treats, and we recommend it accordingly to the attention of the ministers and congregations in our connection.

#### AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

*Resolved*, That this Association rejoice in the recent formation of the American Congregational Union, whose executive office is located in the city of New York, and that we commend it to the attention and support of the members of our Churches as the means of cultivating among us a more intimate and useful

acquaintance, and of promoting in our State and throughout our country the spread of that simple and Scriptural Church polity, which we so much love and which we deem so promotive of the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom. The rooms of the Union will be our Congregational home as we have occasion to visit the metropolis where they are located, and the books of the Secretary, together with the accumulating deposits in the library, will be the means of furnishing information of the most reliable and valuable character in respect to our fast multiplying Churches.

CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

*Resolved*, That we hail with much satisfaction the formation at Boston of the Congregational Library Association, in the confidence that the historic memorials which it has for its purpose to gather from the rich fields of New England, will be a source of instruction and guidance to us in extending the reach of that polity which has so long blessed New England, and which we desire to see imparting its benefits to the farthest west.

ALBANY CONVENTION.

*Resolved*, That this Association cannot fail to rejoice in the manifest good results which have already followed the meeting of the recent Convention at Albany, and the still greater results which we are warranted to expect will flow from it. We are glad to remember that this Association was first to move in calling that Convention, and we take satisfaction in the knowledge that the dignified discussions, the Christian spirit and generous resolves of that body have called the earnest attention of the public to that system of Church polity so accordant with Scripture and so congenial with our republican civil institutions, which only needs to be known to commend itself to the favor of all intelligent and unprejudiced minds.

During the evening session the Association took a recess for public worship. Rev. D. C. Lansing, D. D., preached a sermon from Ezek., 10 : 31.

After the religious exercises, business was resumed, and the following resolutions were adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Association have listened with the greatest interest to a statement by the Rev. M. H. Baldwin, Secretary of the Society for the promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West. We rejoice in the labors of that Society, and hail it as one peculiarly adapted to promote the best interests of our Churches and people in the western and central regions of our country, and therein of promoting the great cause of redemption, in which we all have a common interest. As such we commend it to the regard and the helpful co-operation of our Churches.

After hearing a statement from the Central Committee in relation to the fund in aid of destitute Churches at the West, the Association adjourned, to meet at the Congregational Church in Columbia village, town of Madrid, St. Lawrence county, on Wednesday, August 25, 1854, at 10, A. M.

Rev. P. C. Pettibone, to preach the Annual Sermon.

Rev. W. Bement, to preach on Home Missions.

## ABSTRACT OF NARRATIVE.

The reports from the several churches through the District Associations, furnish evidence that the stream of Divine blessing has been flowing, and in some parts richly watering this section of the garden of God. There is evidence,

*First*, of a growing interest in our own system of ecclesiastical organization, polity and discipline. There is annually accumulating proof that it is what the language of reproach has represented it to be, "migratory"—it has already migrated from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and is both adapted and destined to traverse the entire world of men. An impulse in this direction, of no feeble character, was received from the late auspicious gathering from all parts of the nation, even from Oregon—the Albany Convention. Two new district associations have been organised during the year, and are now admitted to this body,—the Albany Association, and the Puritan Association of Alleghany and Wyoming. Both of these came into existence under encouraging circumstances. The former embraces two recently organized churches, besides that at Albany. Other district Associations are receiving new strength, by the adhesion of churches which are disposed spontaneously to abandon the uncongenial and unnatural position assigned them by the "plan of union," under church judicatories of a different genius from that of their own simple republicanism, and to affiliate with churches of their own stamp.

There is evidence, *secondly*, of progress in the common labors and enterprises of Christianity. The Gospel has not only been preached with interest to attentive congregations, but has proved itself the year past an instrument of power. Knowledge of Divine truth and duty is imparted to multitudes of

children, youth, and adults by Biblical instruction. Temperance principles steadily gain strength, encouraging the hope of a speedy achievement of a triumph in this State, which prohibitory law has given in other States. The cause of human freedom enlists more and more the deep, pure, strong sympathies of Christian hearts in behalf of men groaning in bondage. The great evangelical law of beneficence taking firmer hold on many Christians and churches—parental influence developing its precious fruits in families—an enlarged diffusion of the spirit of prayer, and of general harmony and peace—furnish evidence that during the past year the ministrations of the Word have not been unattended by the power of God unto salvation.

In every one of the associations reported, and in several churches in most of them, special tokens of Divine favor have been enjoyed. In one church are reported ninety to a hundred hopeful conversions, and "a condition of the Sabbath Schools never before exceeded in prosperity and interest." In other instances "gracious influences of the Holy Ghost have added not a few to the Lord, and greatly refreshed his people, and increased their Christian fidelity." New churches have been organized, and new edifices built; giving external as well as internal indications of the Divine favor which call upon the churches for no ordinary measure of gratitude and praise.

There are not wanting admonitions to diligence and fidelity. Rev. ASAHEL NORTON, D.D., has been removed by death, after a pastorate of forty years. "He departed in peace, full of days, and crowned with honor, to receive as we trust a glorious reward after the conflicts of eighty-eight years."

Rev. NATHANIEL DUTTON, for thirty years pastor in Champion, has also been summoned from his labor. "A man of pure faith, firm in Congregational principles, and one of the earliest ministers in Jefferson County."

## THE PASTORAL LETTER

Of the General Association of New-York, points to "*some of the most important duties suggested by our denominational prosperity*, the faithful observance of which is indispensable to our future unity and enlargement."

NOTE.—This letter refers to facts of such general interest, and urges to duties of such importance, that we depart from the plan necessarily adopted in reference to the Pastoral addresses, omitting, however, all not absolutely essential to its completeness.

Let us briefly review our history, that in its light we may discover our duties in their most obvious, impressive, and legitimate aspects. Until a recent date our existence beyond the bounds of New England was not always readily acknowledged; and where we were recognized, it was often with jealousy and intolerance. Those of us who manifested an enlightened preference for our polity were often suspected of theological deviation, and if treated as a part of the Christian family, it was too frequently the result of the powerful influence of New England churches, rather than of a cordial, fraternal love for us as a part of the great brotherhood of Christ.

But it is so no longer. One has become a thousand, and a small one a strong people. The increase in our churches has exceeded our expectations, some of which have had the ordinary growth of an age in a few fleeting months, particularly those planted in the great centers of influence throughout the State. Their enlargement has not been spasmodic nor morbid. Though they have grown with such rapidity, they bear none of the signs of inherent weakness and mortality common to organizations effected by the effervescence of a popular, ill-guided excitement. They possess the elements of spiritual life, which



have been efficiently operating through them in numerous channels for the amelioration of the world. And if as much cannot be said of the devout and enterprising spirit of all our churches, still their growth has generally been steady and healthful.

Our right to exist as a distinctive body beyond the bounds of New England, is therefore no longer a mooted question. We are now the acknowledged members of the household of Christ. His visible body is incomplete without us. His glory is promoted by our advancement, and no great effort for the promotion of intelligence, virtue or religion, that demands the general co-operation of God's people, can well succeed that ignores our existence or disregards our aid.

Such is the pleasing aspect of our ecclesiastical history, from which we may obtain lessons of great moment and practical utility. As circumstances impose obligations, our denominational prosperity naturally suggests the observance of certain duties, as indispensable to future success.

*First.* We may learn from our progress the importance of *justly appreciating the nature and utility* of our ecclesiastical polity. Any system that succeeds well deserves favorable consideration, and if the Master has given ours the distinguishing seal of his approbation, both in his revealed Word and by the special interposition of his grace, it certainly merits such an investigation as will lead to a correct apprehension of its cardinal principles and practical operations. This is indispensable to an intelligent estimation and support of Congregationalism. To be duly valued it must be rightly understood, and a just appreciation of its principles is necessary to a practical development of its efficiency and adaptation to the varied states and exigencies of our churches.

If the administration of our ecclesiastical polity were absolutely committed to the pastors, it might be sufficient for them to be versed in the principles of church government. But as all the members of our churches are called to aid in its administration, all should be enlightened respecting the nature and practical application of our theory.

The principles of this theory are found in the Scriptures, and their application and utility are especially seen in the Acts of the Apostles. If, therefore, we would be instructed in apostolic principles of church government, we must studiously investigate the revealed will of God on the subject. And as an aid to a better understanding of its principles, we would recommend each member to secure some popular treatise on Congregationalism.\* We would affectionately urge you to peruse with care such a work, until you individually understand, to some considerable extent at least, the science of church government and the best mode of its administration.

If this duty had been duly attended to during the last half century by our brethren and fathers of New England, we could now have numbered, west of Connecticut, some *two thousand churches* formed after their own simple scriptural model. For the last eight or ten years this apathy has been gradually disappearing. Congregationalists have given the subject greater attention, the fruits of which may justly excite our admiration and gratitude. We therefore affectionately entreat you ever to give this subject a proper share of consideration and regard ; the effect of which will be as happy in the future as in the past. The faithful exercise of discipline in our churches will follow as a necessary, legitimate consequence ; unity and peace will preside in our midst ; multitudes will be won to frequent our sanctuaries and seek our fellowship ; and another generation may witness the diffusive energy and utility of our principles in the organization and government of numerous churches, not only in our own State, but all along from the slope of the Alleghanies to the surges of the Pacific. And everywhere, under the shadow of their influence, will grow up popular institutions of learning and all the concomitant blessings of Christian civilization and refinement.

*Second.* We may also learn from our past prosperity the duty of *properly adhering* to our ecclesiastical polity. No enterprise

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\* Without depreciating any of the works on this subject now in use, we would say that "PUNCHARD on Congregationalism" is well adapted to popular use.

can succeed without attention. It may possess intrinsic excellencies, but its unaided goodness will never insure its success. The Bible is the oracle of Heaven, and a light to illumine the gloomy, untrodden pathway of mortals; but we must give heed to its utterances and follow its illuminations, or it cannot accomplish its work of mercy. We must not expect that ecclesiastical polity will take care of itself. That it is well conceived, well calculated to protect individual interests, to bring out the latent energies of the brotherhood, and win the approval of universal approbation, we fully believe. But these excellencies will not sustain it without your attention and support. We would therefore exhort each of you to attend *habitually* the *business meetings* of the church with which you are connected, and take a part in its deliberations and decisions. This is both a duty and a privilege; and none should forego the privilege nor neglect the obligation. Inattention in this particular is a practical relinquishment of your own system. It is to throw the government into the hands of a few, and presenting the unwholesome aspect of professedly democratic communities controlled by comparatively few of their members.

*Third.* Another duty suggested by our advancement, is to guard with perpetual vigilance against the indulgence of denominational vanity, and an undue reliance upon church power. Our reliance must be on God, and our exultation must be in Him only. Our past prosperity is as attributable to His blessing, as the growth of vegetation is to the rain, the sun, light and heat. If our increase begets self-reliance and sectarian bigotry, the days of our prosperity are numbered, and "tekel" is written on the walls of our sanctuaries. But if we cease not to rely upon Him, our future career will be increasingly glorious by the delightful acquisition of numerous trophies to fill our churches and grace the triumph of our religion.

*Fourth.* Our past prosperity also suggests the duty of employing every appropriate means to secure future success.

If the wisdom and efficiency of our principles were questionable, we might hesitate before making an additional outlay

the and means for their extension, fearing it might be a prodigal expenditure which could be more frugally and efficiently employed in some other ecclesiastical organization. But the conformity of our economy to the Word of God, its capacity for harmonizing the views and coalescing the energies of His people, and the success which has attended its administration, demonstrate its intrinsic excellency and adaptation to the varied condition and exigencies of the churches. It was fitted to the pilgrims of the Mayflower, in exile, on the ocean, and on the virgin soil of the unbroken wilderness. And as they outgrew their feebleness, multiplied their churches, and enlarged the body politic, it proved itself adequate to every emergency. Six mutations of eight generations have tested its recuperative energy in every reversion, its adequacy to promote the unity and peace of the churches and their mutual fraternization, and its efficiency in extending the Redeemer's kingdom throughout the nation and the world. New England owes no little of her greatness and glory to these principles. She is what her religion has made her. We may refer to the late General Convention at Albany for a more recent development of the wisdom and efficiency of our principles on an enlarged scale. It is no ordinary occurrence to see so numerous a body of men discussing the most exciting topics in the spirit of fraternal kindness, and after full and free discussion, reaching an entirely harmonious conclusion. Equally harmonious were all its doings; the wisdom and large-hearted benevolence of which will be seen in their reflex influence on the churches in the East; in aiding in the erection of upward of five hundred churches in the West; and in exciting other denominations to make corresponding and even greater efforts for the extension of the kingdom of our common Lord. With these facts before us, so obviously establishing the adaptation and utility of our principles, it certainly is our duty to employ every appropriate means for their extension. Not with a bigoted zeal, but an enlightened preference, Not as if they were the whole of the Gospel, but as its hand-maid, to serve its interest—as a means by which we may enjoy the Gospel, and extend its triumphs throughout the world.

Among the most essential means to be used are these :

*Increased liberality in the remuneration of your pastors.* This is in many cases indispensable. Their frequent removals—a formidable obstacle to the growth of our churches—are too often attributable to the parsimonious provision made for their support ; some are even tempted to relinquish their work by the want of a sufficient support ; and many a pious, promising youth is turned from the ministry by the fear of future destitution. This painful result can be avoided by a more generous support of those already in the pastoral office.—“They that preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.”

*The encouragement of pious young men to prepare for preaching the Gospel.* This did not appear so essential ten years ago, but now it is an imperative duty, because the demand for pastors appears greater than the supply. We would therefore urge you to set this subject fairly before the youth in your respective families and congregations, and if they are too indigent to obtain the educational qualifications for the work, it will be your privilege to contribute to their aid ; and if that proves an inadequate revenue, to recommend them to the favorable consideration of some of the educational societies.

*The adoption of a systematic and enlarged habit of beneficence.* The past disinterestedness of the New England churches, in pouring their wealth so freely and largely into the treasures of our benevolent institutions, and in many cases to aid other denominations, shows that Congregationalism has but little sectarianism, and that its friends have much of the large-hearted benevolence of their Master. A similar course pursued by you, will equally honor your principles, by showing that they naturally beget benevolence and call forth the generous contributions of the brotherhood for the enlightenment and amelioration of the world.

The letter closes by urging upon all the cultivation of personal piety, as essential to individual and ecclesiastical prosperity, and as the means of preparing themselves and others for the services and bliss of heaven.

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

rted last year. † Not Members of this Association. ‡ Congrega-  
tional Churches connected with Presbytery. § Not reported.

### 1. Oneida Association.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
water,			S. P. Gammage, s. s.,		
l,			R. G. Vermilye, D.D.,†		
bus,		50	W. B. Tompkins, s. s.,		
Village,		107	H. E. Ruggles,		1852
ton, 2d,		105	A. Sedgewick, s. s.,	1824	
en,		49	P. Field, s. s.,	1820	1851
m,		180	M. S. Platt,	1838	1837
ill,		103	A. H. Corlis,†		1852
ny Falls,		70	J. G. Miller,*		
ville,		87	M. Harrington, s. s., *†		
nd,		*49			
Hill,		149	S. M. Gampbell,	1850	1850
lle,		39	H. Lee, s. s.,*	1838	
ld,		80	P. S. Pratt, s. s.,	1847	1848
field,		44	A. Welton, s. s.,*		
ridge,		46	A. S. Crandall, s. s.,*†		
uth,		34			
on,					
town,		52	A. Crocker, Jr., s. s.,*	1847	
gton,		24			
lia,		*11			
eld,					
a,		94	D. F. Judson, s. s.,		
ville,					

ut Pastoral Charge.—S. North, L. L. D., Ham. College.  
c F. Adams, Sherburne; D. R. Barnes, North Wrentham,  
s.; Josiah Peabody, Erzerroom, Persia.

## 2. Black River Consociation.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settle
Burville,			Vacant,		
Carthage,		39	H. H. Waite,	1842	1853
Champion,		63	N. Bosworth,		1850
Copenhagen,		40	O. A. Wightman,		1850
Denmark,		21	Vacant,*		
Leyden,		54	Vacant,*		
Lorrain,			Vacant,		
Rutland,		104	— Douglass,		1853*
Mannsville,		61	R. Osburn,	1853	1852
North Adams,			Vacant,		
Rodman,		204	D. Spear,	1808	1808
Smithville,		40	Vacant,		
Woodville,		30	Vacant,		
Pulaski,		153	Thos Salmon,		1840
Philadelphia,		40	Vacant,§		
Sand Banks,		39	R. Wheelock,		

*Ministers Laboring in Churches belonging to other Bodies.*—G. B. Pond, Antwerp, Jefferson county, New York; Samuel Griswold, Goveneur, Lewis county, New York.

*Missionaries.*—E. P. Cook, Oswego, Bethel Mission; Charles Boynton, Home Mission West. J. Burchard, Evangelist.

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—R. Tremain, Rodman; H. Budge, Rutland; F. Hebard, Constantia.

## 3. Essex Consociation.

Crown Point, 1st,		134	S. L. Herrick,		1826
" 2d,		50	C. C. Stevens,		1845
Elizabethtown,		35	J. Bradshaw,		1850
Jay,*		33			
Keene,					
Lewis,		102	Vacant,		
Moriah,		146	C. Ransom,		1841
Schroon,		14	L. Brewster,		1852
West Moriah,		10	"		1852
Ticonderoga,*		70			
Westport,		98	C. Spooner,		1841
Willsborough,*		54	Vacant,		
Wilmington,		26			

## 4. St. Lawrence Consociation.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
er,		10	Vacant,		
South,		31	Vacant,		1852
way-St.		35	S. Young,	1849	1852
yster,		54	L. W. Chaney,		1852
ds,		18	Vacant,		
nton,		72	E. Wood,	1846	1845
nceville,		34	B. B. Cutler,	1837	1842
Lawrence,		24	Vacant,		
l,		93	M. L. Eastman,	1849	1847
d,		183	B. B. Parsons,	1839	1849
na, 1st ch.		50	Vacant,		1849
2d ch.		72	Vacant,		1848
k,		169	G. B. Rowley,	1846	1846
ville,		106	Vacant,		
nt,		33	P. Montague,	1837	1844
um, West,		30	Vacant,		
ndville,		31	Vacant,		
lle,		40	G. Cross,	1840	1839
l,			Vacant,		
colm, East,		186	P. C. Pettibone,	1840	1845
West,			Vacant,		
ington,		42	— Phillips,		1852
lton,		86	L. W. Chaney,		1852

*ional Members.*—James F. Packard, Parishville; Thomas N. edict, Peekskill.

## 5. Consociation of Western New York.

eld,			E. Coleman,		
Valley,			R. Willoughby,		
o, L. I.			S. W. Edson,		
ny Mission,		77	Wm. Hall,	1840	1834
l,		22	{ D. S. Morse,	1840	1852
			{ L. S. Morgan,	1840	
on, Pa.,			Asher Bliss,		1852
lph,		51	E. Taylor,	1835	1842
l,		86	T. A. Gale,	1847	1851
		60	N. H. Barnes,	1850	1850
town,		128	S. P. Marvin,	1851	1850
an,		109	Wm. T. Reynolds,	1852	1851
Evans,		83	E. W. Clark,	1852	1852
3d,		76	J. Lane,†		1853
1st,		35			



5. Consociation of Western New York.—*Continued.*

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Little Valley,		37	C. Burgess,†		1852
Busti,		19	E. M. Spencer,†		1852
Allegany,		14	— Warner,†		1852
Versailles,		15			
Stockton,		45	J. H. Henry,†		1852
East Sugar Grove,		32			
Ashville,		49	O. D. Hibard,†		1852

Iron, Omar and Perrysburgh churches are not reported.

## 6. Long Island Consociation.

Baiting Hollow,		72	C. Young,	1830	1851
Bell Port,		23	J. Gibbs,		1852
Fire-Place Neck,		20	N. Hawkins,	1825	1836
Green Port,		49	H. T. Cheever,		1852
New Village,		44	M. Lacost,		1851
Mt. Sinai,		181	T. Harries,	1837	1847
Patchogue,		133	H. W. Hunt,		1850
Poospatuc, Ind. ch.		17			
Riverhead,		87	C. Lockwood,		1851
Wading River,		123			

*Additional Members.*—Azel Downs, Mount Hope, New York; John O. Wells, Success; Eusebius Hale, Upper Aquebogue.

## 7. Association of New York and Brooklyn.

NEW YORK.					
Tabernacle,	1840	322	J. P. Thompson,	1842	1845
Ch. of Puritans,	1846	373	G. B. Cheever, D. D.,	1832	1846
Eastern Cong. ch.			Geo. De F. Folsom,	1849	1853
Fourth Cong. ch.		125	H. O. Schermerhorn,		1845
Bethesda ch.		38	C. B. Ray,	1845	1848
Union Cong. ch.	1850	110	J. B. Grinnell,	1847	1850
Free Cong. ch.		36	Henry Belden,	1839	1852
Smyrna ch., Welsh,	1848	100	Griffith Griffiths,	1853	1853
BROOKLYN.					
Ch. of Pilgrims,	1844	377	R. S. Storrs, Jr.,	1845	1846
Second Cong. ch.†		147	N. H. Eggleston,	1845	1851
Plymouth ch.*	1847	646	Henry W. Beecher,	1839	1847
Clinton Ave. ch.		94	D. C. Lansing, D. D.,	1807	1848
Fulton Ave. ch.†	1851	70	T. Atkinson,	1852	
South Cong. ch.	1851	110	Wm. H. Marsh,	1842	1850
Bedford ch.*		24	H. W. Parker,	1848	1852

† These Churches have been merged into the "Elm Place" Church, Fulton Avenue.

## 7. Association of New York and Brooklyn.—Continued.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministors.	Ordain- ed.	Settled
N. Eng'd ch., W'msburg,	1851	72	Thos. K. Beecher,	1851	1851
Flushing,*	1851	34	C. O. Reynolds,	1851	1852
Morrisania,*	1851	35	Edward F. Ross,	1851	1851
Lumberland, }		81			1832
Barryville, }		28	Felix Kyte,	1832	1833
Middletown,		141	S. Y. Lum,	1852	1850
Mount Hope,*			Vacant,		
Chester, N. J.*		142	L. J. Stoutenburgh,	1841	1841
Patterson, N. J.*		200	S. D. Cochran,	1842	1851
Newark, N. J.	1850	275	Charles Beecher,	1844	1850

*Additional Members.*—John Marsh, D. D., Sec. Am. Temp. Union; W. W. Wallace, Amzi Camp, City Miss., Wm. Patton, D. D., New York; Samuel Backus, City Miss., Ebenezer Platt, John Gibbs, Brooklyn; Lebbeus Armstrong, Jonesville; J. Harrison, Noah Coe, City Miss., B. Lockwood, Williamsburg; Harris Righter, Oyster Bay; H. Woodruff, Huntington; O. E. Everest, Peru.

## 8. Ontario Association.

Brighton,		106	J. S. Barris,	1824	1851
Canandaigua,		302	O. E. Daggett,	1837	1845
Lockport,		167	E. W. Gilman,	1849	1849
Spencerport,		142	J. H. Dill,	1846	1852
West Bloomfield,		132	C. E. Fisher,	1843	1846
West Greece,		77	Vacant,		
Warsaw, §			Z. Eddy,		
Penn Yan, §			S. S. Houghton,		1852
Henrietta, §			S. S. Streeter,		1836
Cambria, §					
Pekin, §					

*Additional Members.*—E. Parmelee, Lockport; Jeremiah Butler, Riga; Silas C. Brown, West Bloomfield; S. B. Gilbert, Horace R. Grannis.

## 9. Susquehanna Association.

Owego,		107	{ S. S. Wilcox, s. s.,	1842	1850
Binghamton,			{ C. Kidder, s. s.,	1834	1853
Elmira,		132	Chester Fitch,		1853
			Wm. Bement,	1833	1850

**9. Susquehanna Association.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Centre Lisle,		80	A. D. French,	1844	1843
Groton, East,		154	Vacant,		
Jackson, Pa.,		20	Vacant,		
Orwell, Pa.,			N. Pinne, s. s.,		
Springfield, Pa.,		15	J. G. Sabin, s. s.,	1853	1852
Union Centre,		52	J. A. Woodhull, s. s.,		1852
West Newark,		33	G. R. Entler, s. s.,	1845	1852
Speedsville,		27	" "		
Spencer,		121	J. Campbell,	1853	1853
Moravia,†		107	R. S. Egleston, s. s.,	1849	1853
Otego,			Wm. B. Christopher,	1849	
Virgil,†			P. Bates, s. s.,	1840	
Candor,		133	M. C. Gaylord, s. s.,	1816	1852
Harford.†			J. Davison,	1842	

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Milton Waldo, Agent Amer. Tract Soc., Utica; Rev. D. Platt, Binghamton. Candidates—Warren W. Warner and Stewart Sheldon.

**10. Albany Association.**

Albany,	1850	174	Ray Palmer, D. D.,	1835	1850
Gloversville,		111	H. N. Dunning,	1852	1852
Poughkeepsie,		217	L. F. Waldo,	1844	1844
Saugerties,	1853	34	Vacant,		
Union Village,		202	C. S. Shattuck,	1849	1850
Canaan, 4 cor.				1849	

**11. Puritan Association of Allegany and Wyoming.**

Friendship,			A. Kidder,	1849	
			W. Day,	1819	
Warsaw,			N. T. Yeomans,		

## PENNSYLVANIA.

There are but few Congregational Churches in this State, and of these a complete report cannot be presented, as there are no associations, and our limited time did not allow of a wider correspondence with the pastors or missionaries who may be laboring in different parts of the State, almost or altogether unknown even to those who are cultivating other parts of the same field by the same mode of spiritual husbandry. It is hoped that before another "Year-Book" shall be issued, such an advance will have been made in the organized union of the churches, and such information communicated to the Secretary of the Union as shall render the statistics of the State far more satisfactory and complete.

The principal reason why the Congregational Churches are so few and so small, is that in the region in which they have been planted the population is almost entirely German, Scotch and Irish. There is but little liberal ecclesiastical sentiment, and little interest in the subject of Church polity; and no great increase of orderly and thriving Congregational Churches can be hoped for until a new generation shall have been trained in the principles and exercise of self-government.

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The church in Mercer was organized in 1847. Rev. D. R. Barker assisted in its formation, and has been its only Pastor. It now numbers forty members, and has built a good house, which has been occupied for two seasons.

The church in Wilmington, Mercer county, was organized.

about three years since, and now numbers fifteen. Rev. D. R. Barker assisted in its formation, and is now its Pastor.

The church in Salem, Mercer county, is about the same age and extent, and has the same Pastor. More than half of the members have emigrated West, which leaves it in this weak state.

The church in West Greenville was formed in 1849 by Rev. Joseph Barris. It has passed through many changes, and is now small, numbering not more than twenty-five, and is at present supplied by Rev. D. R. Barker, as far as his other duties will allow.

These churches have all houses to worship in, and it is hoped will be growing and useful.

In Randolph, Crawford county, there is a church formerly connected with an association, which is supposed no longer to exist. Rev. Mr. Smith is its Pastor, and it numbers from sixty to eighty members.

The church at Cambridge, Crawford county, was formed twenty years since by Rev. L. L. Radcliffe, who is still its Pastor. The church is small, but they have a good house, which they have recently finished.

The church in Conneaut, Crawford county, has a convenient house, and is sustaining a Pastor, Rev. W. T. Chamberlin, but its age and numbers are not known.

It is believed that other Congregational Churches exist in other parts of the State, but no account of them could be procured for this volume.

The churches above referred to are represented as cultivating a catholic spirit, and as prizing highly the principle of religious liberty; which is kept alive by true congregationalism. It would be greatly to their advantage to cultivate a close intimacy with the churches of their own order in other States, and the study of the report from Michigan, with its valuable appendix, inserted in this volume, could hardly fail to dispose them to seek it. Such an intimacy has been happily commenced, as will be seen by referring to the minutes of the New York Association.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The Congregational Church in the City of Washington has had to contend with many difficulties since its formation a year ago. Its oldest members have been called away by death, and the first minister was compelled to leave his charge on account of sickness ; but a commodious and comfortable house has been purchased in a central and beautiful locality, and a pastor has been recently elected—Rev. Alexander Duncanson—who has the confidence of the ministers and churches in Massachusetts. There is reason to hope that another year will witness a large increase.

## OHIO.

In compliance with a call issued by the Marietta Consociation, a Convention of Ministers and Delegates from Congregational Churches in Ohio, met at Mansfield, Richland County, June 1852, to take measures, if thought expedient, to organize a State Congregational Conference.

Rev. J. B. Walker, of Mansfield, Moderator ; Rev. W. W. Field, Madison, and Rev. M. E. Strieby, Mt. Vernon, Secretaries.

After devotional exercises, reports were presented from Associations and Churches, of the number, condition, and relations of the Congregational Churches of the State. On the following day, after prayer and conference, the following resolutions, on the basis of a State organization, from the business committee, was unanimously adopted :

Believing that the time has come for the formation of a State organization among the Congregational Churches of Ohio, which shall secure harmony of sentiment and co-operation, we, in Convention assembled, recommend the system of a General Conference, upon the following doctrinal basis, which we understand to be, for substance of doctrine, in harmony with the Westminster Shorter Catechism, and with the system recently known as New-England Divinity.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH.

We believe that there is one only living and true God, existent, and infinite in every perfection—the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe.

That God is revealed in the Scriptures as the Father, Son and Holy Ghost ; that these three are in essence one, and in Divine attributes equal.

That the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God given by inspiration, and are the only unerring rule of faith and practice.

That man was at first created in a state of perfection ; from which he fell by transgressing the divine commands ; and that in consequence of his disobedience, the hearts of all men, until renewed by divine grace, are without holiness and wholly alienated from God.

That man, as a sinner, deserves the curse of God, which is eternal death ; that he can make no atonement for his sins, nor in any way deliver himself from the just penalty of the divine law.

That God has by the death of his Son, provided an ample atonement for the sins of the world ; that salvation is freely offered to all ; and that all who truly repent and believe in Christ, shall be saved ; and that those who reject the Gospel, will perish through their own impenitence and unbelief.

That the hearts of men are so desperately wicked and averse to God and holiness, that if left to themselves, they will with no accord, reject the offers of pardon through Christ, and perish ; but that God, in the sovereignty of his love, and to magnify the riches of his grace, has from all eternity purposed to bring an innumerable multitude to repentance, and finally to glory ; and that all who are saved, will owe their salvation to the mercy of God alone, and not to any works or merits of their own.

That without a change of heart, effected by the agency of the Holy Spirit, no one can be an heir of eternal life ; and that all who have been thus renewed, will be kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation.

That Jesus Christ has a true Church in the world, consisting of those who are friends to, and believers in Him, and that all such, on a visible profession of their faith, have a right to its saving ordinances, (baptism and the Lord's Supper,) and to baptism for their infant offspring.

That the Christian Sabbath is an institution of divine appointment, and its observance of perpetual obligation.



That Jesus Christ will appear at the end of time, to raise the dead, and judge the world ; and that all shall then receive a sentence of just and final retribution—the wicked be doomed to endless punishment and the righteous received to life everlasting.

Thus have the Congregational Churches of Ohio planted themselves on the platform on which the New-England Churches have ever stood. The entire session was marked with the utmost harmony and kindness of feeling. In the morning prayer meetings, which were fully attended, the presence of God was manifest, and from them a savor of divine influence was diffused over all hearts.

Deeply penetrated with gratitude for its successful issue, the Convention united in prayer and praise, and then adjourned *sine die*.

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Pursuant to the arrangements made at the above Convention, the First Annual Conference was held at Mount Vernon, June 21, 1853.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Thomas Wickes, from Gen. 3 : 15, on *The Divine Plan of Revealing Christ* ; with accompanying devotional exercises.

Rev. Thomas Wickes was elected Moderator ; Rev. S. P. Leeds, Scribe ; Rev. Henry Cowles, Registrar.

The Committee for raising contributions to the Church Erection Fund, reported that the amount at present received was \$841.

An interlocutory meeting was held on the subject of disbursing the portion (\$8000) assigned to Ohio ; and on the following day it was *resolved*,

1. That one State Committee be appointed, composed of three ministers and two laymen.

2. That the delegates present from each local Association appoint one or more persons to serve as a local or sub-committee within said Association, and that applications for aid be made to the State Committee through said local sub-committees.

3. That the Central State Committee have power to grant aid either through the local committees, or where there are no local committees, to feeble Churches *directly*.

4. That the State Committee be instructed to correspond with the Eastern Committee on the Church-building fund and to follow the advice they thus gain, whether it be to grant aid exclusively in the future erection of Churches, or whether it be in like manner to assist such Churches as shall be deemed most deserving in extinguishing debts already contracted in rearing houses of worship.

5. That the State Committee limit their grant of aid to such Churches as have not incurred debt in building houses of worship until they receive advice to the contrary from the Eastern Committee, and in those cases where they are left by that Committee to their own responsibility.

Voted to appoint the State Central Committee by ballot. Rev. J. C. Hart; Rev. Henry Cowles; Rev. J. B. Walker; H. B. Spellman and A. T. Nye were chosen.

The local sub-committees, appointed by the respective local associations were as follows :

Rev. A. SANDERSON, Wellington,	} <i>Huron Co. Conference.</i>
Rev. JOHN PETTITTE, Bucyrus,	
SEYMOUR STEPHENS, N. Fairfield,	
CHARLES COOK, Rg'd 4 Corners,	
JUSTUS BROWN, Ripley,	} <i>North-Eastern Ohio</i>
Rev. GEO. ROBERTS, W. Wm'd,	
Rev. W. WAKEFIELD, Madison,	} <i>Conference.</i>
Rev. T. WICKES,	
DOUGLAS PUTNAM,	} <i>Marietta Conference.</i>
WM. TURNER, Mt. Vernon,	
JOSIAH TRACY, Mansfield,	} <i>Central Ohio Association.</i>
Rev. H. BUSHNELL, Cincinnati,	
Rev. S. C. LEONARD, Richfield,	} <i>Cincinnati Association.</i>
Rev. R. HATCH, Mallet Creek,	
G. GARDNER, Chatham,	} <i>Puritan Con. Sum. &amp; P. Cps.</i>
Rev. C. W. TORREY, E. Clevel'd,	
	} <i>Medina Co. Conference.</i>
	} <i>Indepen. Churches of Cuy. Co.</i>

Voted that the Central Committee have power to fill their own vacancies until next Annual Meeting.

## RESOLUTIONS ON SLAVERY.

1. That we regard slave-holding as a sin against God, and crime against man.

2. That we regard the Fugitive Slave Law as directly in conflict with the law of God, and deem it the duty of every Christian citizen to use his influence in all proper ways to secure its repeal.

3. That as fellowship with slaveholders sanctions in the estimation of many, the practice of slavery, the existence of this relation should be taken as *prima facie* evidence of unworthiness for Christian fellowship; and if there be exceptions, the exceptions should be made manifest by individuals who may be implicated.

On the subject of ELECTING GOOD RULERS, the following resolution was passed :

"Inasmuch as it is righteousness only that exalteth a nation and none but good rulers can secure prosperity to a free people therefore we hold it to be the duty of all citizens, and especially of professedly Christian citizens, to promote by all due means the nomination and election to civil office of men of temperate habits, unblemished morals, and sound principles, to whatever political party they may belong."

## SUBJECT OF INTEMPERANCE.

The following resolutions were passed :

1. "That as the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage is productive of manifest and manifold evils in society, we rejoice in the efforts to prohibit the liquor traffic and will use our influence as citizens and Christians to suppress the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating beverages, and to secure the passage of a prohibitory law.

2. "That we heartily endorse the principles of the Maine Liquor Law."

Delegates were appointed to corresponding bodies, which had appointed delegates to this body as follows :

General Association of Illinois, Rev. J. B. Walker, Principal ; Rev. Joseph Hurlbut, Alternate ; General Association of Michigan, Rev. John Keep, Principal ; Rev. S. C. Leonard, Alternate.

The local conferences were recommended to procure, for the use of the Churches of which they are composed, a copy of the work on Church Architecture, issued by the Central Committee in New York.

After devotional exercises, Conference adjourned, to meet at Marietta, on the third Tuesday in June, 1854. Preacher, Rev. J. B. Walker ; Alternate, Rev. S. C. Leonard.

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES ON WESTERN RESERVE.

Those marked "P." are Congregational Churches in connection with the Presbyteries of the Western Reserve Synod.

### Ashtabula County.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordan- ed.	Settled
Andover, P.		50	L. B. Beach,		
" West,		60	H. Geer, (Pierpont),		
Austinburg,		150	J. H. Avery,		
Geneva, P.		96	Sherman D. Taylor,		
Harperfield, Unionville,		60			
Jefferson, P.		29	Wm. Burton,		
Lenox,		45			
Monroe,		100	L. B. Beach, (Andover),		
Morgan,		100	Robert Cochran,		
Sheffield,			Vacant,		
Orwell, P.		20	Lewis Godden,		
Pierpont,		31	H. Geer,		
Rome, P.		40	Alanson Saunders,		
Saybrook,		50	Vacant,		
Wayne, P.		85	E. B. Chamberlin,		
Williamsfield,		100	Geo. Roberts,		
" Centre,		60			

*Without Pastoral Charge.\**—N. Day, Saybrook; H. A. Babcock, Wayne; E. T. Woodruff, Williamsfield.

\* As the list from which these statistics are compiled includes Presbyterian and Congregational ministers, it is not known what proportion of those without charge are Congregationalists.

**Cuyahoga County.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Ashtabula, P.		115			
Brooklyn, P.		30	Calvin Durfee,		
Clinton Falls,			E. D. Taylor,		
Eastland, Plymouth ch.		79	E. H. Nevin,		
			C. W. Torrey,		
		81	J. T. Avery,		
		77	Ab'm Blakeley,		
East Village,			Asa Rand,		
East Endence, P.		14	Benjamin F. Sharp,		
East Lead,			Vacant,		
Eastman, P.		46	C. B. Stevens,		
Eastport,			Vacant,		
Eastport, P.		31	John Seward,		
Eastonsville, P.		80	Harvey Lyon,		
		30	Gideon Dana,		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Chester Chapin, Brecksville; Thomas P., Phineas Kinsley, S. G. Clark, Agent A. B. C. F. M., Brooklyn; Wm. Day, Bethel Chaplain; R. H. Leonard, Secretary; S. Lacy, E. N. Sawtell, Agents; S. Newbury, S. W. Burritt, Cleveland; Samuel Montgomery, Dover; Joseph H. Breck, Newburg; Amos Ward, Solon; Timothy Williston, (S. S., at Brunswick,) Eastonsville.

**Erie County.**

Ashtabula, P.		69	Gould C. Judson,		
Brooklyn, P.		44	E. Barber,		
Brooklyn, P.		73	Hiram Smith,		
Brooklyn, P.		180	A. Hartpence,		
Brooklyn City,		150			
Brooklyn, P.		55	J. B. Parlin,		

**Geauga County.**

Ashtabula, P.		40	Mead Holmes,		
Brooklyn, P.		101	Eben'r Bushnell,		
Brooklyn, P.		155	Wm. Dempsey,		
Brooklyn, P.		140	Wm. Potter,		
Brooklyn, P.		65	H. W. Osborn,		
Brooklyn, P.		46	V. D. Taylor,		
Brooklyn, P.			Vacant,		
Brooklyn, P.		25	D. Witter, (res. Burton,)		
Brooklyn, P.		18	L. S. Ely,		
Brooklyn, P.		80	Thos. Adams,		
Brooklyn, P.		49	J. M. Frazer,		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Joseph A. Pepoon, Munson.

**Huron County.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Minist'rs.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Bedlow,		75	Vacant,		
Bellevue,			A. D. Barber,	1853	
Bronson, P.		45			
Clarksfield,		82	Charles Pierce,		
Cook's Corners,	1846	35	Vacant,		
Fitchville,		30			
Fairfield, North,		73			
Greenfield, P.		62	R. S. Lockwood,		
Lyme, P.		88	Henry N. Bissel,		
Peru, P.		47	Enoch Conger,		
Ridgefield, P.		57	C. W. Clapp,		
Ripley, P.		24	M. Palmer, (residence Fitchville,		
"		12	Joseph Edwards,		
Ruggles, P.		45	Vacant,		
Sherman, P.		13	Vacant,		
Wakeman, 1st cong. P.		24			
" 2d cong.		75	Jas. Van Wagner,		

*Without Pastoral Charge*—Seth H. Waldo, Teacher, Bellevue;  
Abram C. Dubois, Fitchville; Absalom K. Barr, Greenfield; Eben-  
P. Sperry, Lyme; Joseph M. Hayes, Thomas Kennan, Norwalk;  
Joel Talcott, Wakeman.

**Lake County.**

Concord,		125	Erwin Allen,		
Kirkland,			Vacant,		
LeRoy,		85	Wm. Wakefield,		
Madison, Centreville,			Vacant,		
"		66	Andrew Sharpe,		
Willoughby, P.					

*Without Pastoral Charge*.—Truman Coe, Kirkland; Alvan Nash,  
S. V. Blakeslee and Daniel Gibbs, Agents, Willoughby.

**Lorain County.**

Amherst, P.		24	Vacant,		
"			Vacant,		
Avon,		42	Wm. F. Millikan,		
Black River,		25	A. H. Betts, (residence Brownhelm,		
Brighton,		35	Augustus Cone,		
Brownhelm, P.		84	Hubbard Lawrence,		
Carlisle,		25	Vacant,		
Eaton,			Erastus Cole, (residence Litchfield,		
Grafton,		50	"		

**Lorain County.—Continued.**

Chas.	Organ-ized.	Members	Ministers.	Ordain-ed.	Settled.
		43	Vacant,		
		12	Vacant,		
		41	Sam'l Penfield,		
		88			
Orlin,		1100	{ Chas. G. Finney, John Morgan, S. Montgomery, (residence Dover, )		
P.		39	Madison Elliott,		
		40	Jas. R. Wright,		
P.		83	A. R. Clark, (residence Huntington, )		
		45	A. Sanderson,		

*Pastoral Charge.*—D. A. Grosvenor, Elyria; J. Keep, Wm. W. Wiles, Editor Evangelist; James H. Fairchild, Henry E. Mary E. Whipple, Timothy B. Hudson, James Munroe, Professors at Oberlin; J. L. Tomlinson, Ridgeville.

**Mahoning County.**

P. (O. S.)		20	James Price,		
		22			
P.		77	Loomis Chandler,		

**Medina County.**

P.		42	T. Williston, (residence Strongsville, )		
		52	Caleb Burbank,		
		40	Moses M. Longley,		
		45			
			Jas. A. Bell,		
		42	Horace Smith, (residence Richfield, )		
			— Adair,		
			Joseph Hurlburt,		
		55	A. J. Drake,		
Wymouth, P.		45	— Seymour,		
P.		25	Vacant,		
P.		21	Vacant,		
		71	Reuben Hatch,		
Erastus Cole, S. S., at Grafton and Eaton.					

**Portage County.**

		143	Elias C. Sharp,		
		67	J. S. Graves,		
		42	Vacant,		
		30	Vacant,		



**Portage County.—Continued.**

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Ministers.	Ordain- ed.	Settled.
Edinburgh,		55	F. A. Deming,		
Franklin,			John A. Seymour,		
Freedom,		100	Francis S. Fuller,		
Mantua, P.		50	Samuel Lee,		
Nelson, P.		65	Franklin Maginnis,		
" Garrettsville, P.		45	Vacant,		
Palmyra, P.		12	A. Y. Tuttle, (residence Edinburgh,)		
Randolph,		65	J. Merriam,		
Ravenna,		145	Wm. D. Sanders,		
"			W. Burr,		
Rootstown, P.		87	J. C. Hart,		
Shalersville,		12			
Streetsborough, P.		40	D. B. Davidson,		
Windham, P.		183	Hiram Bingham,		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—L. Humphrey, Windham.

**Summit County.**

Akron,		82	N. P. Bailey,		
Bath, P.		30	Horace Smith, (residence Richfield,)		
Boston, P.		17	George Palmer,		
Copley, P.		23	Lucius Smith, (residence Middlebury,)		
Cuyahoga Falls,		81	S. P. Leeds,		
Hudson,		165	Newton Barret;		
" P.			W. R. College,		
Middleburg,			Henry Bates,		
Northampton, P.		27	Vacant,		
Norton, P.		25	Lucius Smith, (residence Middlebury,)		
Richfield,		80			
Tallmadge, P.		204	Carlos Smith,		

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Geo. E. Pierce, D. D., H. N. Day, W. R. Col., Myron Tracy, Agents; J. C. Hart, Caleb Pitkin, Harvey Coe, and Chester Birge, Hudson; Israel Shailer, Colporteur, Richfield; Wm. Hanford, Elijah S. Scott, Tallmadge; Samuel Bissell, Twinsburgh.

**Trumbull County.**

Bloomfield, P.		60	Vacant,		
Braceville, P.		46	B. Y. Messenger,		
Bristol, P.		52	Vacant,		
Farmington, P.		36	Benj. Walker,		

## Trumbull County.—Continued.

Churches.	Organ- ized.	Members.	Minist'rs.	Ordain- ed.	Method.
Fowler,			Isaac Winans,		
Greene, P.		37	Vacant,		
Gustavus, P.		145	John B. Allon,		
Hartford,		80			
"		40	B. Fenn,		
Johnston,			Vacant,		
Kinsman, P.		122	Henry B. Eldred,		
Mecca,		28	Vacant,		
Mesopotamia, P.		67	Ward Childs,		
Newton, P.		68	W. R. Stevens,		
Southington, P.		29	Geo. D. Young,		
Vernon,		45	Theodore Kesp,		
Vienna, P.		59	Xenophon Betts,		

Without Pastoral Charge.—Ozias S. Kells, Johnston.

## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES SOUTH OF THE RESERVE.

Cincinnati Vine-st.	1865	250	C. E. Kuyum,
" Seventh-st.	1867	150	J. D. Kuyum,
"			H. Kuyum,
Springfield Clark Co.	1850	55	J. A. White,
Portage River, Ottawa			
county.	1862	60	— Indiana,
Baryras Crawford		55	— via Friends,
Sycamore	1850	50	"
McClellanville, W. Va.			
state county		40	
Sardinia Brown county			— Ind.
Fredericktown, Adams		25	
Mount Liberty		25	
Mount Vernon		250	— Indiana,
Mansfield, Richmond Co.		125	C. E. Kuyum,

**Marietta Consociation.**

Churches.	Organ- ized	Members.	Ministers	Ordain- ed.	Settled
Marietta,	1794	310	Thomas Wickes,		
Harmar,	1840	85	David Gould,		
Belpre,	1827	50			
Coolville,	1841	45			
McConnellsville,	1842	30	Vacant,		
Center,	1846		George B. Fry,		
Fearing,	1850	11			
Little Muskingum,	1841	25	L. L. Fay,		
Lawrence,		84	"		

*Ministers connected with Consociation, now laboring out of its bounds*—George A. Rossiter, Buffalo, Virginia; Henry Rossiter, Northwestern Ohio.

**WELCH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.**

Paddy's Run, Butler county.....	No Pastor.
Cincinnati, Hamilton county.....	No Pastor.
Tyng-rhos, Jackson county.....	John A. Davis.
Oakhill.....	No Pastor.
Carmel.....	Jonathan Thomas.
Pomeroy, Meigs county.....	John H. Jones.
Youngstown, Mahoning county.....	Thomas Evans.
Palmyra, Portage county.....	John Williams.
Paris, Portage county.....	John Williams.
Talmadge, Summit county.....	No Pastor.
Newark, Licking county.....	Thomas Evans.
Granville, Licking county.....	Thomas Evans.
Granville, Licking county.....	Rees Powell.
Radnor, Delaware county.....	Evan Evans.
Delaware, Delaware county.....	John Powell.
Columbus, Franklin county.....	John Powell.
Brown Township.....	No Pastor.
Welch Settlement, Allen county.....	James David.

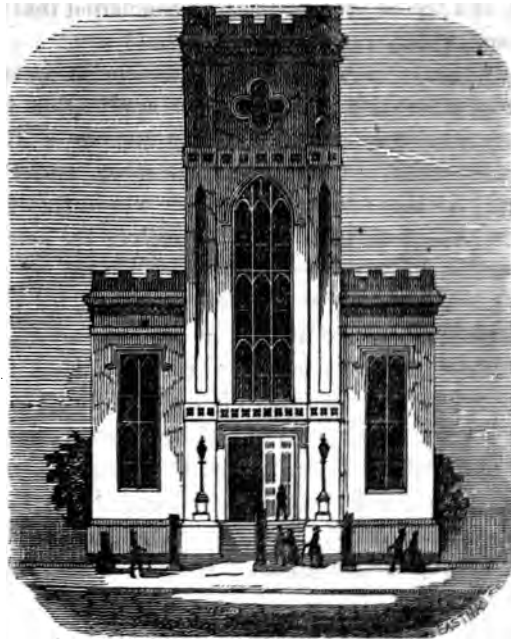
the statistics from which the foregoing tables are compiled, it  
 that there are on the Reserve 14 O. S. Presbyterian churches.  
 63 Congregational Churches connected with N. S. Pres-  
 84 Congregational Churches not connected with Presby-  
 2 Congregational Churches, south of the Reserve, not con-  
 and two connected. In the State, 106 Congregational Churches  
 nected with Pres., 65 connected. Welch Congregational  
 , 18,—Total, 189.

Western Reserve was settled about the year 1800, by emigrants  
 necticut; intermingled on the Eastern and Southern border  
 grants from Pennsylvania and New York, and throughout are  
 m the other New England States and New York. In most  
 great a proportion as nine in ten were Congregationalists.  
 ministers were Presbyterians, from Pennsylvania, and Con-  
 nialists from Connecticut. The earliest church organized was  
 burg, in the summer of 1802; the second at Hudson, a few  
 later. The earlier churches were formed as independent  
 , with the intention of uniting with each other upon Congre-  
 principles as soon as a sufficient number should be organized,  
 state of the country would permit. But before this was done,  
 n of Union" was formed, and the churches were brought into  
 church in Hudson united with Presbytery in April, 1815, and  
 ers probably about the same time. The churches subsequent-  
 d were almost uniformly connected with Presbytery till about  
 5. Many were not satisfied with the plan of union. Most of  
 bers supposed it to be a temporary expedient, though minis-  
 med that it was to be permanent. After several years discus-  
 , church in Hudson left Presbytery September, 1835, and  
 on after. From that time to the present, withdrawals  
 n frequent, and new churches have been organized on strictly  
 ational principles.

us attempts have been made to organize in times past, but the  
 tions have not till recently possessed the elements of solidity  
 manence; they are, in fact, just now in a forming state. The  
 a Consociation is the oldest now living; the Conference of  
 stern Ohio was formed about the same time; and are now four  
 ears old. The Puritan Association (Portage and Summit  
 s) was formed in November, 1852. Rev. Wm. Potter, Clari-  
 C. Hart, Hudson; Prof. S. A. Bartlett, W. R. C.; Francis

S. Fuller, Freedom; J. S. Graves, Aurora; N. P. Bailey, Akron; S. P. Leeds, Cuyahoga Falls; Rufus Nutting, Jr., Ravenna, (now Prof. Illinois College;) J. M. Fraser, Troy; Wm. Dempsey, F. Chester, members. The Lorain Conference was formed June 14, 1853. On the 19th of the same month a meeting was held in Ohio city to form a conference for that vicinity, and on the 20th a meeting was held at Cuyahoga Falls to form a conference of seven churches which had adopted the constitution.

The above particulars have been furnished by Rev. J. C. Hart, Hudson, who thus concludes his letter:—"In this forming stage, it is not surprising that our statistics should be deficient. Congregational churches have hitherto been in a state of isolation; their ministers for the most part connected with Presbytery, and it is true of many still. Many of them are young and feeble, their isolation and the struggles they have passed through to get out of Presbytery have contributed to this. We trust that Congregationalism has become a living organism, destined to grow. But the difficulties we have had to encounter, arising from connection with Presbytery and the Oberlin controversies, have been probably greater than in any other State. They are not all past yet, but we have hope and courage for the future. "We are coming to know each other better, and to confide in each other more."



NINTH STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CINCINNATI

the autumn of 1841, a weekly prayer meeting was commenced in the western part of this city, and in the spring following a Sabbath School was opened by a few individuals of the old Presbyterian church, of which the venerable Dr. Herber was then pastor. These steps were taken with the encouragement of Dr. B., that a way might be opened for the formation of a new church in a portion of the city where the population was rapidly increasing without a corresponding increase in the means of religious instruction. After a short experimental effort, the matter was brought before the Session

of the church. Committees were appointed and the subject discussed, and the Session ultimately concluded that the scheme was impracticable.

The individuals engaged in the enterprise were, however, unwilling to relinquish it ; and upon application to the Presbytery they were duly organized, 37 in number, as the "George Street Presbyterian Church ;" Dr. Beecher and Prof. Allen officiating. As they stood in the place where they had so long worshipped, about to take upon themselves the solemn responsibilities and arduous duties of a pioneer church of Christ, Dr. Beecher addressed them with affectionate and earnest sympathy, in eloquent words of advice and encouragement, closing with the exhortation, to remember amid all difficulties and discouragements, that "where there is a will, there is a way."

On the evening of the day of their consecration, March 5, 1843, this devoted band met for the first time as an ecclesiastical body, in the Hall of the Engine and Hose Company on George-street, with Prof. Allen for the temporary pastor. They had left a wealthy and popular church with the sole desire of extending the cause of Christ, and expected difficulties, and the necessity for no small degree of self-denial, and such expectations have been fully realized.

After having been for above three years a Presbyterian church, the Congregational form of government was assumed by a vote of 56 to 5, (the Confession of Faith remaining the same,) and its present name—"The First Orthodox Congregational Church of Cincinnati"—was adopted. About a year previous to this, however, in consequence of the purchase of a lot on Seventh-street for a church edifice, its original name had been changed to that of "Seventh Street Presbyterian Church."

Prof. Allen was its temporary pastor for one year. The second year, Dr. Beecher, then recently dismissed from the Second Church, acted as stated supply. To these gentlemen the church owes much, for their warm interest and many labors in its behalf.

In Nov. 1845, Rev. Wm. I. Breed, who had been invited to its pastorship, commenced his labors ; but before the year closed

ed to the East on account of the health of his family. obtained for the Sabbath school connected with the ie donation of a valuable Library, as evidence of the till cherished for its welfare.

., 1847, Rev. John K. Lord was installed as the first the church ; which relation he sustained until his death a, in July, 1849. His sound common-sense,—his tact onontrol,—his habit of close study,—his life and affabil-social circle,—and his eloquence in the pulpit,—com-th an almost overwhelming sense of his responsibility, l a respect and popularity in the church, and made an n upon the public seldom exceeded by any man. During onths of his pastorate, the church edifice, which had ended, was carried forward to completion, and two efore his death was dedicated.

Villis Lord, D.D., was the second pastor. He was in the autumn of 1850, and resigned his charge in Sep-851.

ames D. Butler, the present pastor, was installed Nov.

e first four years, the accessions to the membership of h numbered 75, being an average of 19 annually. he pastorate of Rev. J. K. Lord, the accessions were an annual average of 33. During Dr. Lord's term of there were 21. For the first four months of the pre-, (when the history was published from which these ts are taken,) the accessions were 22. Of the 37 mem-formed the nucleus of the church, 3 have died, 5 have ith a pioneer church still further West, 7 have left the 22 still remain members.

; several years the downfall of the church was predicted unfriendly to its existence ; while "the millstone of about its neck by the sudden death of its first pastor, the house of worship was finished," caused its friends almost to despond. But emboldened by the increase ongregation, by the weekly contributions yielding at of \$1,000 a year, and by the sewing circle raising



nearly as much more, the society last summer resolved to raise a subscription of \$27,000. Half that sum was at once pledged, and the last dollars of the remaining moiety were secured on the last day of September. Less than one-ninth of this subscription was obtained without the Church and Society; yet that foreign aid was probably vital to the success of the movement. Accordingly, Congregationalism at the West will owe a perpetual debt of gratitude to about three score liberal men,—foremost among whom were Messrs. Bowen, MacNamee, and C. J. Stedman,—who upheld a church, with the fall of which Congregationalism in southern Ohio seemed ready to expire.

It will be perceived that this church has passed through great trials, and overcoming many and great obstacles, has as yet been overcome by none. The true hearted members who commenced the enterprise, and who from time to time have joined it, have courageously stood by it "enduring all things, and hoping all things." Some have repeatedly contributed their whole annual income beyond the supply of their immediate wants.

From the past we augur well for the future. There was never more ground for encouragement. With an energetic and devoted pastor, with members public-spirited and determined, together with other evidence that there is indeed "a will" for the work, we may hope that God will open the "way" to success.

## INDIANA.

The statistics of this State are necessarily imperfect from facts of a similar nature to those which have been referred to in the minutes of other States. There is but one District Association, and this has not yet printed any minutes of its proceedings, and the eight or ten other churches in the State are so remote from each other as to forbid the formation of a second Association.

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**Evangelical Association of the Wabash Valley.**

| Churches.             | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.                                 | Ordain-<br>ed. | Install-<br>ed. |
|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Terre Haute,          | 1834            | 230      | M. A. Jewett,                              | 1831           | 1849            |
| Marshall,             | 1841            | 62       | Jacob Chapman,*                            |                | 1852            |
| Otter Creek,          | 1845            | 20       | } Occasional preaching<br>by M. A. Jewett, |                |                 |
| Lost Creek,           | 1846            | 16       |                                            |                |                 |
| West Rigo,            | 1851            | 23       | Jacob Chapman,†                            |                |                 |
| Indianapolis, German, | 1852            | 36       | — Richle,                                  |                |                 |
| Edinburg,             | 1853            | 15       | Charles Hutchinson,                        |                |                 |

\* Two-thirds of his time.

† One-third of his time.

*Without Pastoral charge* : W. M. Modisell, — Loutrel, John M. K. Duncan, Dean Andrews, Principal of the Seminary at Marshall.

This Association was formed about nine years since by two ministers, Rev. M. A. Jewett and Rev. Dean Andrews, two

churches were represented,—the church at Terre Haute and the church at Marshall. It has licensed seven—three of whom are settled pastors in Illinois ; three are unsettled ; and one has gone to his rest, being broken down at the Gaboon mission Africa. The church in Terre Haute has admitted since its organization about 450 members : most of the churches are in a flourishing condition ; walking in peace, purity, and harmony ; and all of them, with the exception of Lost Creek, have good church edifices ; two having been built within a year.

The Association has under its care a Seminary, located at Marshall, Illinois, chartered in 1839, and built in 1851, at a cost of about \$7,000. It is capable of accommodating 200 pupils, and when finished about 300. Number in attendance last session, 126. Its prospects of usefulness are very encouraging. It is beautifully located in a natural grove, upon somewhat of an eminence. Its architectural appearance is unequalled by any similar institution in this part of the country. It has been favoured with a good class of teachers, and now has the following :

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| Rev. Dean Andrews,  | Principal.    |
| Mr. S. F. Andrews,  | Associate.    |
| Mr. Wm. T. Adams,   | } Assistants. |
| Mrs. Eliza Andrews, |               |

There are other Congregational churches of which no particulars can now be given : one in Michigan city, having a settled minister ; one at Elkheart, Elkheart Co. ; and one at Orland, Striben Co., upon the " plan of Union ;" and one at each of the following places, Ontario, Haw Patch, and Northport, Lagrange Co. ; Brownville, and Ohio Township.

## ILLINOIS.

The General Association of Illinois met at Quincy, May 19, 53, at half-past 7, P.M.

The opening sermon was preached by Rev. F. Bascom, from Luke 4 : 18.

On the following morning a prayer meeting was held at sunrise.

The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year :

Rev. M. K. Whittlesey, Moderator.

" James A. Hawley, Clerk.

" F. Bascom, Registrar.

" M. K. Whittlesey, Cor. Secretary.

It was resolved that a committee be appointed to nominate a committee for the disbursement of the portion of the \$10,000 fund appropriated to this State, and that the committee of disbursement be located in different parts of the State.

The following persons were nominated and elected as the disbursing committee, with power to fill any vacancy in their number which may occur : Revs. F. Bascom, W. Carter, and N. C. Clark, and brethren M. Pettengill, and Elihu Polcott.

The following Delegates to Corresponding Bodies were appointed :

|                         |                                         |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Gen. Con. of Maine,     | Rev. Messrs. J. J. Hill & W. Beardsley. |
| " Ass. of N. Hampshire, | " E. Johnson & A. Lyman.                |
| " Con. of Vermont,      | " A. Lyman & T. M. Post.                |
| " Ass. of N. York,      | " J. J. Hill & J. Blanchard.            |
| " " Mass.,              | " A. Lyman & H. Brown.                  |
| " " Conn.,              | " J. J. Hill & M. K. Whittlesey.        |
| " " Mich.,              | " J. A. Hawley & W. H. Starr.           |
| " " Iowa,               | " G. I. Barrett & W. C. Merritt.        |
| " " R. I.,              | " J. J. Hill & M. K. Whittlesey.        |
| " Convention of Wis.,   | " L. H. Parker & N. C. Clark.           |
| Synod of Illinois,      | " W. Carter & E. Johnson.               |
| " Peoria,               | " F. Bascom & G. S. F. Savage.          |
| Gen. Ass. of Ohio,      | " D. H. Temple.                         |
| Illinois Conference,    | " R. Mears & D. H. Temple.              |
| Rock River Conference,  | " K. M. Pearson & L. Farnham.           |

*Resolved*, That we regard the "Congregational Herald" as an excellent religious family newspaper : that we have confidence in the editors and corresponding editors of the paper, and that we heartily commend it to the patronage of the churches.

After public services, during which addresses were made on the subject of the Desecration of the Sabbath, a committee was appointed—which reported the following resolutions :

In view of the increasing tendencies and temptations to Sabbath violation, in our State, growing out of the multiplication of Railroads, the increase of travel, and the disposition of the General Government to use these roads for the transportation of mails upon the Sabbath, the members of this body feel called upon to express their convictions of the dangers which lie in that direction, and the consequent duty of those who desire to preserve God's day from profanation ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this body, the running of cars upon our numerous Railroads on the Sabbath, would in a few years virtually annul God's fourth commandment, in our

State, and throw wide open the floodgates of irreligion and immorality.

*Resolved*, That a fearful responsibility rests upon those who, as Directors, sanction the profanation of the Sabbath upon their roads, or as Stockholders, permit their capital to be employed in trampling on God's authority.

*Resolved*, That all the ministers connected with this body, be hereby requested to preach soon and frequently on this subject, and by the application of God's truth, and the Gospel principles of discipline, to endeavor to create and maintain a healthful state of public sentiment, and a tenderness of conscience in reference to Sabbath violations.

*Resolved*, That by correspondence, and through the press, we will endeavor to secure the co-operation of ecclesiastical bodies of every name, and of men who wield the influence of capital and character, to prevent the encroachments on the Sabbath which we have reason to fear from the causes above referred to.

*Resolved*, That it be hereby recommended to the friends of the Sabbath to hold conventions, during the ensuing summer, in the Southern, Central, and Northern parts of our State, for the purpose of awakening interest, and combining the influence of public sentiment throughout our bounds, in an effort to preserve the Sabbath inviolate, and to secure its benefits to our whole population.

The committee on the Negro Law reported the following resolution, which was accepted and adopted :

*Resolved*, That the recent enactment by our legislature of an inhuman law, forbidding the immigration into the State of free colored persons, under penalty of being sold into slavery ; and the indifference, and even opposition, manifested by that body toward the cause of Temperance, admonish our voting church members to use greater diligence to secure the election of good men to our legislatures, and to waive all party predilections for this purpose.

In addition to the devotional exercises noticed in the reports of other associations, it is pleasing to observe that the association

made arrangements for the services of the Sabbath, not only in the two Congregational churches, but also in the Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Protestant Methodist churches.

The meetings were closed with the observance of the Lord's Supper, and with devotional exercises.

The next annual meeting was appointed to be held in the Plymouth Church, Chicago, the third Thursday of May, 1854, at half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

The report on the State of Religion is in substance as follows :

Many of the churches have been graciously visited with seasons of refreshing from the presence of God. In some towns revivals have been enjoyed during the year ; and in many other places seasons of unusual interest have occurred, in which Christians have been quickened, and sinners converted, under influences more gentle and gradual in their operation, than in scenes usually termed revivals.

The harmony of the churches has been uninterrupted ; fewer changes have occurred in the location of ministers than in former years ; and there is a growing tendency toward the formation and permanency of the pastoral relation.

The zeal and liberality of the churches in erecting houses of worship is commendable and encouraging. Several church edifices have been completed during the past year, and many others are about to be commenced, with the expectation of aid from the Church Building Fund. Several new churches have been formed which encourage expectations of great usefulness, especially those which have been gathered in the commercial metropolis of our State. A religious paper, edited by Congregational ministers, and adapted to the wants of our denomination in the North-West, is now published within our bounds, and promises to be an efficient auxiliary to the ministry, in the

**promotion of intelligence and Christian enterprise among the churches.**

The contributions of the churches to objects of Christian benevolence, are becoming more liberal and systematic. While there is diversity of views and preferences in regard to the missionary boards, each patronizes the Society of his choice, without questioning his brother's right to the same liberty.

Sabbath-school and Bible class instruction is receiving increased attention, and is yearly becoming a more extended and efficient instrumentality for the promotion of intelligent piety among our youth.

The cause of Education is embarrassed by difficulties which are incidental to new communities, yet evidence is not wanting that education, in its various grades, is appreciated, and will be provided for, as fast as circumstances will permit. Academies and Female Seminaries are coming into existence in different parts of the State, and the colleges, though struggling with embarrassments, are still extending the sphere of their usefulness and gaining a stronger hold on the confidence and affections of the people.

The Temperance and Anti-Slavery causes have been temporarily embarrassed by the recent legislation of our State, but it is believed that God will overrule it for good, by making his people feel the necessity of electing such law-makers and rulers, as He has designated in His Word.

While the goodness of God is thankfully recognised in the mercies above recorded, it must be remembered that there are extended moral wastes on which for the year past there has been neither rain nor dew. There are also indications of an increasing love of gain among the members of the church, and multiplying temptations to worldliness, which furnish ample evidence, that without redoubled diligence and prayerfulness, the enemy will gain the advantage, and the cause of Christ will relatively retrograde.

The report thus concludes :

"During the past year God has again admonished us that our



time is short, and that our work will soon be done. Our loved brother, Levi Spencer, of Peoria, has recently been called to his eternal rest. He was a good man, distinguished for his humility and self-denial, his faith and love, his activity and usefulness. His end was peace. His memory precious.

Rev. H. C. Ward, of Lyndon, and Rev. C. Boswell, of Baldock's Grove, men of an excellent spirit, though less known among us, have also been called away suddenly from the scenes of their labors to their reward on high. May God give to us who survive, grace to be faithful unto the end, that we may receive the reward of good and faithful servants when our work is done."

## STATISTICAL TABLES.

on last year's report.

### 1. Illinois Association.

| Churches.    | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.      | Ordain-<br>ed. | Settled. |
|--------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| nd Rockport, | 1834            | 46       | C. S. Cady,     |                | 1853     |
|              | 1845            | 14       |                 |                |          |
| re,          | 1837            | 46       |                 |                |          |
| ille,        | 1834            | 127      | Rollin Mears,   |                | 1853     |
| ove,         |                 | 6        |                 |                |          |
| pe,          | 1836            | 29       | T. H. Johnson,  |                | 1852     |
| ,            | 1833            | 126      | A. H. Fletcher, |                | 1853     |
| ello,        | 1852            | 27       | W. C. Merritt,  |                | 1852     |
| m,           | 1852            | 38       |                 |                |          |
|              | 1836            | 68       | Z. K. Hawley,   |                | 1852     |
| ld,          | 1843            | 138      | Wm. Carter,     |                | 1838     |
| , 1st ch.    | 1833            | 103      |                 |                |          |
| centre ch.   | 1847            | 83       | Horatio Foote,  |                | 1847     |
| Prairie,     | 1836            | 60       | N. P. Coltrine, |                | 1851     |
|              | 1852            | 45       | G. J. Barrett,  |                |          |
| Total, 15    |                 | 956      | 10              |                |          |

### 2. Chicago Association.

|                 |      |     |                          |  |      |
|-----------------|------|-----|--------------------------|--|------|
| , 1st Cong. ch. |      | 100 | J. M. Williams,          |  |      |
| Plymouth ch.    |      | 80  | N. H. Eggleston, Elect,  |  |      |
| 3d Cong. ch.    | 1853 | 22  | J. C. Holbrook,          |  | 1853 |
| . Free Church,  | 1848 | 61  | George Schlosser, s. s., |  | 1851 |
| Total, 4        |      | 263 | 4                        |  |      |

### 3. Fox River Union.

|               |      |     |                        |  |      |
|---------------|------|-----|------------------------|--|------|
| , k's Grove,* | 1838 | 130 | L. Benedict, s. s.,    |  | 1851 |
| ove,          |      | 15  |                        |  |      |
| ck,*          | 1834 | 23  | L. Farnham, half sup., |  |      |
| oods,*        | 1838 | 50  |                        |  |      |
| ngdale,       |      | 24  |                        |  |      |
|               | 1840 | 80  | L. Parker, s. s.,      |  |      |
|               | 1836 | 69  | Russel Whiting, s. s., |  | 1852 |

3. Fox River Union.—*Continued.*

| Churches.       | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.            | Ordain-<br>ed. | Sett |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|----------------|------|
| Crete,          | 1852            | 32       | L. S. Gilbert, s. s., |                |      |
| Downer's Grove, |                 |          |                       |                |      |
| East Du Page,   | 1837            | 35       | F. Leonard, half sup. |                | 184  |
| Flagg Creek,    | 1840            | 27       | F. Leonard,           |                | 184  |
| Hadley,         | 1849            | 25       | J. S. Rounce,         |                | 184  |
| Hickory Creek,* |                 | 11       |                       |                |      |
| Kendall,        |                 | 28       | R. Reed, s. s.,       |                |      |
| Lamoile,*       | 1840            | 43       | G. B. Hubbard,        |                | 184  |
| Lisbon,         | 1839            | 138      | D. R. Miller, s. s.,  |                |      |
| Little Rock,    |                 | 20       | L. Mattison,          |                |      |
| Lockport,       |                 | 63       | Joel Grant,           |                |      |
| Marseilles,     | 1853            | 11       | Jas. Longhead, s. s., |                |      |
| Naperville,     | 1833            | 67       | Hope Brown,           |                |      |
| Nettle Creek,   | 1849            | 12       | Jas. Longhead, s. s., |                |      |
| Newark,         | 1843            | 105      | L. Farnham, s. s.,    |                |      |
| Orangeville,*   | 1844            | 40       |                       |                |      |
| Oswego,*        |                 | 14       |                       |                |      |
| Ottawa,         | 1839            | 80       | M. K. Whittlesey,     |                | 184  |
| Pawpaw,*        |                 |          |                       |                |      |
| Plainfield,     | 1834            | 107      | R. Chapman,           |                |      |
| Vermillion,     | 1834            | 70       | R. C. Bristol, s. s., |                |      |
| Total, 27       |                 | 1319     | 14                    |                |      |

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—E. E. Wells, Bloomingdale; A. Alvord,

## 4. Central Association.

|              |      |     |                       |  |     |
|--------------|------|-----|-----------------------|--|-----|
| Bernadotte,  |      | 40  |                       |  |     |
| Brimfield,   |      |     |                       |  |     |
| Bloomington, | 1843 | 40  | E. P. Ingersoll,      |  |     |
| Canton,      | 1841 | 120 | E. Marsh,             |  |     |
| Dover,       | 1838 | 100 | E. G. Smith,          |  |     |
| Farmington,  | 1850 | 70  | Wm. E. Holyoke,       |  |     |
| Galesburg,   | 1837 | 460 | F. Bascom,            |  | 184 |
| Hat Grove,   |      | 25  |                       |  |     |
| Henry.       | 1851 | 30  | H. G. Pendleton,      |  |     |
| Knoxville,   | 1850 | 40  |                       |  |     |
| LaFayette,   | 1847 | 60  | E. B. Coleman,        |  |     |
| Morton,      | 1848 | 53  | Milo N. Miles,        |  |     |
| Matamora,    | 1851 | 46  | W. W. Blanchard,      |  |     |
| Mount Hope,  |      | 10  | L. H. Parker,         |  |     |
| Newburg,     |      | 50  | J. Blanchard,         |  |     |
| Northampton, | 1845 | 59  | S. Ordway,            |  |     |
| Ontario,     |      | 35  |                       |  |     |
| Osceola,     | 1847 | 6   | J. Steele,            |  |     |
| Peoria,      | 1847 | 150 | John T. Marsh, s. s., |  |     |

## 4. Central Association.—Continued.

| Churches.  | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministern.            | Ordain-<br>ed. | Settled. |
|------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------|----------------|----------|
| Ant Grove, |                 | 40       |                       |                |          |
| lence,     | 1842            | 32       | G. Todd,              | 1.             |          |
| ont,       | 1843            | 50       |                       | 2.             |          |
| n,         | 1846            | 60       | S. G. Wright,         |                |          |
| ia,        |                 | 28       | Wm. Beardsley, s. s., |                |          |
|            |                 |          | R. C. Bristol,        |                |          |
| Total, 24  |                 | 1604     | 15                    |                |          |

## 5. Rockford Association.

|                |      |     |                          |  |      |
|----------------|------|-----|--------------------------|--|------|
|                | 1837 | 70  | R. M. Pearson, s. s.,    |  | 1850 |
|                |      | 27  | James Hodges, s. s.,     |  |      |
| Detour,        |      | 23  | William Todd, s. s.,     |  |      |
| entre,         | 1843 | 36  | S. W. Phelps, s. s.,     |  |      |
| ord, 1st ch.   | 1837 | 160 | H. M. Goodwin, s. s.,    |  | 1850 |
| 2d ch.         | 1849 | 117 | J. D. Potter, temp. sup. |  |      |
| n,*            |      | 120 |                          |  |      |
| e,             | 1843 | 35  | B. M. Amsden, tem. sup.  |  |      |
| e Mile Grove,* |      | 18  | D. S. Johnson, s. s.,    |  |      |
|                |      |     | L. Benedict,             |  |      |
|                |      |     | James Brewer, lic.       |  |      |
|                |      |     | George Gemmel,           |  |      |
|                |      |     | E. W. Hewett,            |  |      |
|                |      |     | Lansing Porter,          |  |      |
|                |      |     | John Wilcox, lic.        |  |      |
| Total, 9       |      | 606 | 13                       |  |      |

## 6. Geneseo Association.

|           |      |     |                  |  |      |
|-----------|------|-----|------------------|--|------|
| y,        |      | 36  | J. J. Hill,      |  | 1849 |
| idge,     | 1850 | 17  | J. D. Baker,     |  | 1852 |
|           | 1850 | 16  | A. J. Copeland,  |  |      |
| eo,       | 1846 | 88  | J. W. North,     |  | 1852 |
| ton,      | 1852 | 17  | A. B. Hitchcock, |  |      |
| n,        |      |     | W. J. Johnston,  |  |      |
| e,        | 1844 | 107 | A. B. Hitchcock, |  | 1845 |
| ryon,     | 1849 | 26  | W. P. Apthorp,   |  | 1852 |
| Grove,    |      | 29  |                  |  |      |
| ersfield, | 1838 | 107 | Darius Gore,     |  |      |
|           |      |     | A. Lyman, W. C.  |  |      |
| Total, 10 |      | 443 | 9                |  |      |

## 7. Morgan Conference.

| Churches.      | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.              | Ordain-<br>ed. | Settled. |
|----------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Beardstown,    | 1845            | 50       | D. H. Temple,           |                | 1851     |
| Bunker Hill,   | 1842            | 33       | D. Merrill, s. s.,      |                | 1852     |
| Chandlerville, | 1836            | 23       | T. Lippencott, s. s.,   |                | 1852     |
| Chesterfield,  | 1848            | 37       | J. R. Dunn, s. s.,      |                |          |
| Concord,       | 1844            | 50       | W. E. Catlin, s. s.,    |                | 1852     |
| Jacksonville,  | 1833            | 125      | E. Johnston,            |                | 1851     |
| Waverly,       | 1836            | 135      | J. Weller, s. s.,       |                | 1850     |
| Woodburn,      | 1842            | 37       | D. Merrill, lic. s. s., |                | 1852     |

## 8. Elgin Association.

|                   |      |     |                         |  |      |
|-------------------|------|-----|-------------------------|--|------|
| Algonquin,*       | 1850 | 19  | Vacant,                 |  |      |
| Barrington,*      |      |     | D. S. Dickinson, s. s., |  |      |
| Batavia,*         | 1835 | 63  | S. Peet, P. elect,      |  |      |
| Crystal Lake,*    | 1842 | 23  | E. Whitney, s. s.,      |  |      |
| Dundee,*          | 1841 | 80  | Vacant,                 |  |      |
| Elgin,            | 1836 | 170 | W. H. Starr,            |  | 1852 |
| Elk Grove,*       | 1836 | 57  | C. F. Hudson, s. s.,    |  |      |
| Fairfield,*       | 1846 | 24  | C. Porter, s. s.,       |  |      |
| Fox Lake,*        |      | 17  |                         |  |      |
| Geneva,*          | 1849 | 20  |                         |  |      |
| Huntley's Grove,* |      |     | Vacant,                 |  |      |
| Middlesex,*       |      | 35  |                         |  |      |
| Millburn,*        | 1851 | 72  | W. B. Dodge,            |  |      |
| Munro,*           | 1843 | 26  | B. B. Drake, s. s.,     |  |      |
| Pleasant Grove,*  |      | 30  |                         |  |      |
| St. Charles,      | 1837 | 175 | G. S. F. Savage,        |  |      |
| Sycamore,*        | 1840 | 45  | Vacant,                 |  |      |
| Udina,            |      | 50  | N. C. Clarke, s. s.,    |  |      |
|                   |      |     | J. H. Payne,            |  |      |
|                   |      |     | E. Raymond,             |  |      |
|                   |      |     | N. Shapley, W. C.       |  |      |
| Total, 18         |      | 906 | 11                      |  |      |

## ILLINOIS COLLEGE.

Rev. J. M. Sturtevant, D. D., President. Located at Jacksonville, within the limits of the Morgan Association.

The Board of Trustees fills its own vacancies, and is composed partly of Congregationalists and partly of Presbyterians. The same is true of the Faculty. A majority of the Trustees must, by its Constitution, be ministers of the Gospel.

The Faculty consists, at present, of a President who is Professor of Moral Philosophy, a Professor of Chemistry and Natural Philosophy, a Professor of the Latin and Greek Languages, a Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, and three Tutors. The Professorship of Rhetoric is vacant ; it is however the design of the Trustees to fill it at an early day.

The course of study and instruction is liberal and thorough. Number of students in the three departments—Classical, Scientific and Preparatory—nearly 100.

During the last year, the College enjoyed a season of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, in which a goodly number of promising young men were hopefully converted to Christ.

The Trustees are preparing to erect a substantial, commodious and not inelegant building in place of the one destroyed by fire in December, 1852.

## M I C H I G A N.

The General Association of Michigan convened in the Congregational Church in Ann Arbor, on Tuesday, May 31, 1863, at 7 P.M., and was opened with a sermon from Luke 12 : 32, by Rev. Philo R. Hurd, Moderator of last meeting.

A prayer meeting was appointed to be held each morning at 5 o'clock. The first half hour of each morning session was also spent in devotional exercises.

A proposition from the Massachusetts Doctrinal Tract and Book Society to give a set of their volumes to each Congregational church in Michigan, was communicated to the Association, and the following resolutions were adopted :

*Whereas*, The Massachusetts Doctrinal Tract and Book Society have proposed to bestow upon each of our churches as a gift, an entire set of their publications, comprising the works of the early New England Divines, with the design that they shall constitute the nucleus of a Pastor's Library ;—therefore,

*Resolved*, 1. That this body express their lively appreciation of this noble and much needed benefaction, and in the name of our churches, return thanks to the above Society, and to those liberal individuals and churches in the East by whose generosity we are thus favored, for a gift so rich in its intrinsic worth, so fraught with precious influences in the future, and so pleasant as a pledge of kind remembrance and interest on the part of our Massachusetts brethren.

2. That we recommend to each of our churches, upon the reception of these volumes, the adoption of some plan for adding to them, from time to time, such works of Theological value as

ould be most desirable for the use of their ministers, and thus founding a Pastor's Library, to be held as the property of the church, at the service of their Pastor.

3. That, while these valuable works are an unqualified gift to our churches, on the part of the Doctrinal Tract and Book Society, we feel that it would be but fit, that, as an expression of its gratitude, each church should take a thankful collection, according to its ability, for the aid of that Society, that it may be encouraged and aided to extend like gifts to others like us in need.

4. That we recommend to each of our churches to accompany their acknowledgment of the reception of these volumes, (to be addressed to the Chairman of this Committee in Detroit,) with such a sum as will defray their equal proportion of the cost of transporting the books for the State, from Boston to Detroit.

A Delegate was appointed to the General Congregational Conference about to be organized in the State of Ohio, and a cordial invitation given to that body to establish with this Association a fraternal and Christian correspondence.

A sermon was preached by Rev. Charles S. Porter, of Mass., on 2 Pet. 1 : 1-4 ; and the Lord's Supper was administered. The following resolution was discussed and unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Association regard the "Congregational Herald," published at Chicago, as a religious family Newspaper, recently adapted to meet the wants of the churches in the West, and that we cordially commend it to the patronage of the sisters and churches connected with this body.

A committee was appointed to nominate the State Committee required by Article VI. of the Plan adopted by the Albany Convention for raising a Fund of \$50,000 for the erection of places of worship at the West ; and also to recommend such regulations as they shall judge important for the guidance of that committee in the distribution of such part of that fund as may be apportioned to this State.



The committee made the following report, which was adopted :

Your committee would take this occasion to say, first of all, that they regard the Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund, collected chiefly from the stronger and more affluent churches of our order, to aid those that are feeble at the West, in erecting houses of worship, as a generous and Christian free-will offering—highly creditable to the benevolence and wisdom both of those who devised the plan, and of those who furnished the means for its accomplishment. In this good work, we distinctly and with thankful joy recognize the hand of God ; and we feel assured that those whom God has honored as the happy almoners of this noble benefaction, the churches of Michigan will ever hold in grateful remembrance.

That difficulties may not arise in the distribution of that part of the fund which may be apportioned to this State, the committee now to be appointed, upon whom this important duty will be devolved, will need to act with much deliberation and prudence. In order to secure the benefits of this fund to the largest number of our feeble churches, and with a view to the best accomplishment of the whole work, your committee submit the following recommendations :

1. That the members present of each of the local Associations, nominate to this body a Committee of Three, to act as a local committee for their Association, and to whom the churches within their bounds desiring aid, shall first present their application ; and whose duty it shall be to report to the State Committee full and accurate particulars relative to the need of each of the applying churches.

2. That the Committee of Five, provided for in the plan adopted by the Albany Convention, to be styled the State Committee, consist of Rev. L. Smith Hobart, of Ann Arbor ; Rev. A. S. Kedzie, of Union City ; Rev. H. L. Hammond, of Grand Rapids ; Dea. S. S. Barnard, of Detroit, and Dea. Henry Post, of Victor.

3. That this committee have power to fill any vacancies which may occur in their number until the next meeting of the

General Association ; that they follow strictly the regulations laid down in the plan adopted by the Albany Convention ; that they provide, as well as they may, drafts and plans of churches ; that upon receiving applications for aid, with the reports of the local committee they meet and make such appropriations from the fund as they shall deem proper ; that they keep full and permanent records of their proceedings, and that they report annually to this body.

4. That the committee expend not to exceed the sum of Five Thousand Dollars the present year, and that they appropriate in each case in which they grant aid, a sum as small as in their judgment will meet the necessity of the church.

5. That this Association appoint a Treasurer for the State Committee, who shall receive that portion of the Church Building Fund apportioned to Michigan, and invest the same as securely and profitably as possible. The said Treasurer shall disburse money from this fund, only on orders signed by at least three of the members of the State Committee.

6. That the State Committee report to the next meeting of the General Association any expense which they shall have necessarily incurred in the prompt and most cautious discharge of their duty, and that this body then provide for their relief.

Dea. S. M. Holmes, of Detroit, was appointed the Treasurer of the State Committee named in the preceding report.

The following local committees, required by the preceding report, were nominated and appointed :

*Eastern Conference*—Rev. Messrs. Kitchel, Hurd, and S. A. Benton.

*Jackson Association*—Rev. Messrs. Patchin, Foster, and Dea. J. Millerd.

*Marshall Association*—Rev. E. N. Bartlett, Dea. W. Savage and Dea. D. N. Bushnell.

*Grand River Association*—Deacons O. H. Foote, S. H. Steele, and L. H. Nelson.

*Genesee Association*—Rev. Messrs. E. T. Branch, J. Scottford, and W. Platt.

*Southern Michigan Association*—Rev. Messrs. Barnum Walcott and Dea. J. Howe.

*Kalamazoo Association*—Rev. Messrs. Jones, Bardwell and Denison.

The following Delegates to Corresponding Bodies were elected :

*To the General Conference of Maine*—J. H. Benton or J. S. Kidder. Fourth Tuesday in June.

*To the General Association of New Hampshire*—S. A. Benton or E. N. Bartlett. Fourth Tuesday in August.

*To the General Convention of Vermont*—S. Hemenway or H. L. Hammond. Third Tuesday in June.

*To the General Association of Massachusetts*—P. R. Hurd or S. Hemenway. Fourth Tuesday in June.

*To the General Association of Connecticut*—H. C. Morse or P. R. Hurd. Third Tuesday in June.

*To the Evangelical Association of Rhode Island*—W. W. Atwater or L. S. Hobart. Second Tuesday in June.

*To the General Association of New York*—G. C. Overheiser or J. H. Benton. Fourth Tuesday in August.

*To the Congregational Union of Canada West*—H. D. Kitchel or G. M. Tuthill. Second Tuesday in June.

*To the General Convention of Wisconsin*—H. L. Hammond or S. Cochrane. First Thursday in October.

*To the General Association of Iowa*—H. Root or R. Reynolds. First Thursday in June.

*To the General Association of Illinois*—D. M. Bardwell or W. Walcott. Third Thursday in May.

*To the Synod of Michigan*—T. Jones or G. L. Foster. Second Thursday in June.

*To the Mich. Annual Conf. of the M. E. Church*—A. S. Kedzie or H. D. Kitchel. First Wednesday in September.

*To the Baptist Convention of Michigan*—R. Parker or H. Hyde. Second Friday in October.

*To the Annual Conference of the Mich. District of Meth. Prot. Church*—W. Platt or J. Patchin. Last Wednesday in September.

*To the Congregational Union of Ireland*—L. Smith Hobart.

*To the Gen. Con. Conference of Ohio*—J. Nall or W. P. Russell. Third Tuesday in June.

A committee was appointed to investigate the relations of the American Home Missionary Society to Slavery, and present report upon the subject.

The committee presented an extended report, which was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be printed with the minutes. The Publishing Committee were also authorized to publish as many copies of the report, separate from the minutes, as they should deem expedient.

(This report contains such a calm, clear, and thorough investigation of a question so interesting to all our churches, that it is printed verbatim—as an Appendix to this condensed report of the General Association.)

A committee was appointed to investigate the relations of the American Board for Foreign Missions to Slavery, and make report.

The following report was subsequently presented and adopted, and the Committee continued, to report more fully next year :

The Committee appointed to report concerning the relations of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to American slavery, and also some expression of opinion concerning the "American Missionary Association," take it for granted that, in the limited time given us, it will not be expected that we enter into detail concerning the relations of the former to what is so confessedly evil in its nature, and evil in its influence ; nor that we tell how anxious the latter organization is to be rid of all responsibility in respect to that sin. The most that we can do, is to recommend that, as an Association, we very distinctly say,

1st. That we very much regret that the "American Board" has ever sustained any such relation to slavery, as to deprive it of the sympathy of any of the true friends of Missions ; and,

2d. That we truly sympathize with that Board in all its efforts to be rid of blame in sustaining this evil—while, at the same time, it conscientiously seeks to secure the greatest good to Zion, as committed to its trust.

3d. That in case any in the midst of us are dissatisfied with the position or progress of that Board in respect to this evil, we hope such persons or such Churches will exert their Christian energies for the salvation of the world through the "American Missionary Association"—in which we have confidence, and by which, we hope, will be secured grand and glorious results; and,

4th. That those sustaining the one of the Missionary organizations will avoid criminating, or in any manner hindering those sustaining the other, in their common work.

A Committee was also appointed to investigate the relations of the "American Tract Society" to slavery, and report on the same.

The Committee reported, and after discussion, the subject was recommitted to the same Committee, to report next year.

On the subject of *slavery*, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Association feel more than ever impressed with a sense of the sinfulness of slavery in our country, and of the importance of all proper efforts for its removal.

*Resolved*, That we sympathize deeply with the poor degraded slaves in the cruel privations of their grinding bondage.

*Resolved*, That we hail with joy every judicious measure of the friends of freedom to remove this evil from the land, and to "deliver the spoiled out of the hands of the oppressor ;" and we recommend to the Churches connected with this Body, to use all means sanctioned by humanity and religion, to attain this righteous end.

*Resolved*, That we hereby record again our protest against the infamous Fugitive Slave Act, and our unalterable purpose not to deliver to his master, the servant that is escaped from his master to us," but to "remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them."

On the subject of the *Prohibitory Liquor Law*, the Association unanimously

*Resolved*, That since the Legislature of this State has seemed to hesitate on the very brink of giving us a law prohibitory of the liquor traffic—referring the matter to the people—we rejoice at the opportunity thus afforded of giving again our strong and united voice against this desolating evil, and we cherish a happy confidence that the good people of Michigan will not permit the opportunity to be lost.

A plan for Theological Education was presented, and referred to a Committee, to report next year.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted :

Having heard the Agents in this State for the following Societies, which we have formerly commended to the support of our Churches, viz : the A. B. C. F. M.; the A. H. M. S., the A. S. Union, the A. Foreign and Christian Union, and the A. Bible Society, we see in each of them increasing tokens of usefulness ; and in view of the widening fields of labor opening to these Societies, we commend them to the more generous support of our Churches.

In view of the importance to our Churches and the cause of Christ generally, of providing for the education of our youth in literary Institutions, under Christian influences, and sustained by the prayers and co-operation of evangelical Christians,

*Resolved*, That we refer it to a Committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Hawley, Foster and Bartlett, to inquire whether it be expedient for the Congregational Churches in Michigan, either

alone or in connection with a kindred denomination, to take measures for establishing a Literary Institution, such as shall meet their educational wants.

*Resolved*, That our delegates to the Synod of Michigan be instructed to lay this matter before that body at its approaching session, and invite an expression of their views.

The last evening meeting of the Association was spent in the advocacy of the cause of Temperance, and in devotional exercises. The Association then adjourned, to meet in Detroit, on the last Tuesday in May, 1854, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand River Association to furnish the Associational Sermon. Subject : The Cultivation of Scriptural Holiness in the Churches.

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## THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION

While deploring the want of likeness to Christ, records much outward prosperity, soundness in doctrine, moderate growth, peace among brethren, and good feeling towards other denominations.

Several of the Churches have enjoyed some reviving influences ; to some a considerable number of converts have been added ; several new Church edifices will probably be built soon, most of them expecting aid from the Church Erection Fund.

Nearly all the associations report an interest in their churches in Foreign and Home Missions ; some speak of flourishing Sabbath Schools, a unanimous and hearty zeal for the Maine Law in Michigan, and a strong sympathy for the enslaved. These are such fruits as the Gospel bears :—may they be produced far more abundantly and perfectly.



## STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

\* Not members of this body.

| Eastern Conference. |                 |          |                  |                |          |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------|----------------|----------|
| Churches.           | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.       | Ordain-<br>ed. | Settled. |
| Algonac,            |                 | 23       |                  |                |          |
| Almont,             |                 | 117      | Charles Kellogg, |                |          |
| Armada,             |                 | 45       | S. A. Benton,    |                |          |
| Bruce,              |                 | 35       |                  |                |          |
| Campbell's Corners, |                 | 53       | D. L. Eaton,     |                |          |
| Chesterfield,       |                 | 33       | G. Magee,        |                |          |
| Columbus,           |                 | 13       | W. P. Russell,   |                |          |
| Commerce,           |                 | 45       |                  |                |          |
| Detroit,            |                 | 247      | H. D. Kitchel,   |                |          |
| Dearborn,           |                 | 12       | J. Nall,         |                |          |
| Farmer's Creek,     |                 | 33       |                  |                |          |
| Milford,            |                 | 102      |                  |                |          |
| Nankin and Livonia, |                 | 35       | S. Cochran,      |                |          |
| New Canandaigua,    |                 | 17       | D. L. Eaton,     |                |          |
| Newport,            |                 | 18       |                  |                |          |
| Port Huron,         |                 | 40       | J. H. Benton,    |                |          |
| Ray and Lenox,      |                 | 19       | G. Magee,        |                |          |
| Richmond,           |                 | 35       | W. P. Russell,   |                |          |
| Rochester,          |                 | 46       |                  |                |          |
| Romeo,              |                 | 90       | P. R. Hurd,      |                |          |
| Royal Oak,          |                 | 42       |                  |                |          |
| St. Clair,          |                 | 88       | G. M. Tuthill,   |                |          |
| Wayne,              |                 | 14       | J. Nall,         |                |          |
| Total, 23           |                 | 1202     |                  |                |          |

*Additional Ministerial Members.*—Rev. Messrs. H. Hyde, H. Lucas, I. W. Ruggles, T. Waterbury, O. C. Thompson, and E. P. Ingelsoll.

**Jackson Association.**

| Pres.  | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.        | Ordain-<br>ed. | Settled. |
|--------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
|        |                 | 103      | L. Smith Hobart,  |                |          |
|        |                 | 36       |                   |                |          |
|        |                 | 69       | Robert Robinson,  |                |          |
|        |                 | 102      | John Patchin,     |                |          |
|        |                 | 28       |                   |                |          |
|        |                 | 5        |                   |                |          |
|        |                 | 28       | Enos H. Rice,     |                |          |
|        |                 | 197      | James A. Hawley,* |                |          |
|        |                 | 52       | Hiram Elmer,      |                |          |
|        |                 | 81       |                   |                |          |
|        |                 | 20       | Wm. C. Smith,*    |                |          |
|        |                 | 44       | Hiram Elmer,      |                |          |
| al, 12 |                 | 765      |                   |                |          |

*Ministerial Members.*—Rev. John T. Avery, Rev. H. n, Rev. Josephus Morton, Rev. S. Harris, Rev. G. L. Fos- J. W. Smith.

**Marshall Association.**

|       |  |     |                 |  |  |
|-------|--|-----|-----------------|--|--|
|       |  | 16  | E. M. Bartlett, |  |  |
|       |  | 11  | S. Hardy,       |  |  |
|       |  | 10  |                 |  |  |
|       |  | 50  | M. M. Porter,   |  |  |
|       |  | 106 | J. S. Kidder,   |  |  |
|       |  | 75  | F. E. Lord,     |  |  |
|       |  | 130 | H. C. Morse,    |  |  |
|       |  | 59  | S. Hardy,       |  |  |
| al, 9 |  | 457 |                 |  |  |

**Grand River Association.**

|       |  |     |                  |  |  |
|-------|--|-----|------------------|--|--|
|       |  | 16  | S. Heminway,     |  |  |
|       |  | 4   | "                |  |  |
|       |  | 18  |                  |  |  |
|       |  | 18  | J. H. Hard,      |  |  |
|       |  | 15  |                  |  |  |
| pids, |  | 213 | H. L. Hammond,   |  |  |
|       |  | 23  | Isaac C. Crane,* |  |  |
|       |  | 19  | S. N. Manning,*  |  |  |
|       |  | 23  | S. N. Manning,   |  |  |

• **Grand River Association.—Continued.**

| Churches.         | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.   | Ordain-<br>ed. | Notes |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|--------------|----------------|-------|
| Plainfield,       |                 | 29       | J. H. Hard,  |                |       |
| Portland,         |                 | 31       | H. Root,     |                |       |
| Sebewa,           |                 | 15       | "            |                |       |
| Steele's Landing, |                 | 40       | R. Reynolds, |                |       |
| Total, 15         |                 | 464      |              |                |       |

*Additional Ministerial Members.*—James Ballard, Grand Rapids; Ballard, Prof. Miami University, Ohio; Geo. N. Smith, Grand Traverse, Missionary to Indians; Isaac Barker, Ohio; S. S. Brown, Concord, Mich.; R. J. Hess, Wyoming, Michigan.

**Genesee Association.**

|                  |  |     |               |  |  |
|------------------|--|-----|---------------|--|--|
| Atherton,        |  | 24  |               |  |  |
| Dewitt,          |  | 19  | J. Scotford,  |  |  |
| Eagle and Delta, |  | 17  | W. P. Esler,  |  |  |
| Genesee,         |  | 40  | A. B. Pratt,  |  |  |
| Genesee, 2d ch.  |  | 23  | "             |  |  |
| Hartland,        |  | 12  | E. T. Branch, |  |  |
| Lapeer,          |  | 21  | W. Platt,     |  |  |
| Lower Saginaw,   |  | 8   |               |  |  |
| Osceola,         |  | 14  | E. T. Branch, |  |  |
| Vernon,          |  | 11  |               |  |  |
| Victor,          |  | 17  | J. Scotford,  |  |  |
| Vienna,          |  | 33  |               |  |  |
| Total, 12        |  | 239 |               |  |  |

**Southern Michigan Association.**

|              |  |     |                |  |  |
|--------------|--|-----|----------------|--|--|
| Adams,       |  | 28  | R. Parker,     |  |  |
| Clinton,     |  | 265 | G. L. Foster,  |  |  |
| Dundee,      |  | 32  | S. Harris,     |  |  |
| Franklin,    |  | 26  | J. Estabrook,  |  |  |
| London,      |  | 30  | O. M. Goodale, |  |  |
| Medina,      |  | 42  | G. Barnum,     |  |  |
| Raisinville, |  | 32  | W. L. Wolcott, |  |  |
| Ransom,      |  | 14  |                |  |  |
| Wheatland,   |  | 31  | J. Morton,     |  |  |
| Total, 9     |  | 500 |                |  |  |

## Kalamazoo Association.

| Churches. | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.       | Ordain-<br>ed. | Settled. |
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| o,        |                 | 11       | B. F. Monroe,    |                |          |
| sta,      |                 | 9        |                  |                |          |
| rd,       |                 | 47       | A. W. Bushnell,* |                |          |
| x,        |                 | 17       |                  |                |          |
| r,        |                 | 58       | B. F. Monroe,    |                |          |
| gac,      |                 | 26       | E. F. Waldo,*    |                |          |
| urg,      |                 | 146      | Thos. Jones,     |                |          |
| ord,      |                 | 22       | A. Rowe,         |                |          |
| iazoo,    |                 | 160      | A. Kedzie,       |                |          |
| r,        |                 | 18       | E. Andrus,       |                |          |
| mce,      |                 | 17       | A. Rowe,         |                |          |
| o,        |                 | 63       | W. W. Atwater,   |                |          |
|           |                 | 53       | S. Stevens,*     |                |          |
| Total, 13 |                 | 647      |                  |                |          |

*ional Ministerial Members.*—W. C. Denison and M. Knapen.

# REPORT,

## ON THE RELATIONS OF THE

### AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO SLAVERY.

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The attitude in which any one of our great National Benevolent Associations may stand toward our great national sin and shame, is a topic of deep interest to every Christian mind. And by as much as any one of these benevolent agencies has risen to a sphere of extensive influence and operation, and has gathered to itself ample resources, and a large place in the affections of the good and benevolent, by so much the more is it important that it both hold, and be seen and known of all men to hold, a position blameless and pure in relation to a wrong so flagrant as that of American slavery. Else the power it has won, the breadth of operation and influence it has attained, and the hold we have suffered it to win upon our hearts, do but give it power to seduce and mislead us into acquiescence, while it criminally sustains a system of sin. It is the point of special need, and should be the point of special vigilance, in our country at the present crisis, that all that is efficiently enterprising and progressive in our Christianity and in the benevolent activity of the Church be clearly seen and felt to have utterly no fellowship with slavery, but stand rather in relations of manifest antagonism to it. If these benevolent agencies, which are our most operative forms of Christianity, and which best represent

or obedience toward God and our love toward man—if these be turned to the service of evil, then even the light that is in us has become darkness, and that darkness how great!

It is to the perception of this truth we are to ascribe the solicitude which is widely exhibited, touching the posture in which our great benevolent Boards are standing towards American slavery. All that is most earnest and reliable in the piety of our country demands, and will not cease to demand, that the American Home Missionary Society, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and the American Tract Society, these as most precious and exposed to trial, shall stand together clear in this matter of slavery. So deeply is it now felt that the gospel condemns such a system of bondage as prevails in our country, that we may confidently anticipate an increasing vigilance and anxiety in the churches, to guard against the guilt of directly or indirectly supporting slavery through these benevolent Boards. It is matter for joy and hope that this vigilance is now awakened. It is better that there be excess than defect in this solicitude of the churches for the purity of these Boards. We may well pardon an over-sensitiveness where so great a danger presses, and where apathy is so great a crime.

The hearts of many thousands in our churches are now wrung with a painful fear of wrong in the attitude and operations of these societies just named. This apprehension, whether it have foundation or not, deserves regard, and should be anxiously removed if it may be, by a truthful exposition of facts. No one of these societies can afford to part with the approval, the prayers, sympathies, and benefactions of any portion of the Church, on the ground of its apparent connivance at slavery. And any Board which shall presume on its present position of power and usefulness to sustain it in defying this fear in the churches, and actually striking hands with slavery, dooms itself to go down, as surely as the gospel shall rise. And whether our Boards be guilty or not in this behalf, the diversion of favor and funds to other channels for a little time past contains a great and significant admonition. If the wrong that is feared be found to

exist, and be not put away with due haste of repentance, then shall the offending organization be put away more and more from the favor and use of the churches, and no plea of past or present success, or of correctness in other respects, will long avail to save it from rejection. A doubtful position can no longer be tolerated in any great agency of Christian benevolence. Not even neutrality or silence will now meet the demands of the case. Each of these great National Boards must have to do with our great National iniquity. It stands in the path of each to resist it. Slavery thrusts itself within the sphere of each of these great Societies, and will not suffer itself to be let alone by any National Christian operation. And so it comes to pass that now every such Board is compelled to have a character in relation to slavery—a character of compliant allowance and support, or of guilty silence, which is nearly equivalent to that—or of quite obvious opposition to it. No one of our great societies has now for some years attempted or desired to keep silent on the sin of Intemperance, when God had drawn it forth into the field of their operation. So now in our land, Slavery is thrust into the forefront of the evangelical battle, and the agency of whatever sort that spares it, or strikes not heartily at this prime foe of God and man, is not true, but is working the work of the Lord deceitfully.

There is one of these societies, which, along with others, has recently come into doubt in this relation, which seems especially to demand at our hands an immediate investigation, and either an intelligent and unhesitating approval and support, or total condemnation and rejection. That one is the American Home Missionary Society. We seem doubly impelled in respect to this Society to seek an immediate removal of every doubt, and to demand of ourselves an intelligent confidence either of its innocence or guilt. For in our twofold relation of patrons and beneficiaries, we are doubly implicated in whatever of wrong we suffer to remain upon it. And the danger is great, and to be carefully avoided by every honorable mind, lest our reliance in these many dependent churches upon the help of this Society may even have in it the nature and guilt of bribery—lest we be

tempted to receive aid from a source stained in our apprehension with the sin of connivance at the great crime of our country. He is condemned who doubteth the integrity of the H. M. Society, and yet consents to receive its aid. And we know not on what grounds of common honor or christian decency those churches among us can justify their deed, who receive help from this Society, and yet refuse it their aid, and turn aside their contributions to another agency, because they deem it wickedly implicated in slavery ! These cases are few, for the dishonor is very plain. But is there really any less of dishonor involved in the course of those individual members of very many churches, who silently allow their church to receive aid from this Society, and themselves share in the benefaction, while still they condemn its course as favorable to slavery, and give to what they deem a purer organization ! There is need of a better conscience in this matter. It is very mean to hold slaves, as mean as it is wicked ; but they seem to emulate that meanness who condemn the H. M. Society as an abettor of slavery, yet receive its aid—who hear the gospel for themselves, from a source which they count unfit to preach it to slaveholders ! Whatever may be the issue of our inquiry, we trust that such inconsistency will be shamed from among us. Let us gain an intelligent conviction one way or the other ; and if this Society be innocent, as we believe it is—if it stand on ground perfectly defensible in theory and practice, then let us give it an ardent and honorable confidence and support, such, in some measure, as it deserves for its great labor of love in our behalf. And if, on the other hand, it shall be found guilty of sympathizing with inhumanity, or of holding its peace prepossessly in the presence of slavery or any other sin, then let us put it swiftly away from us, and make haste to sacrifice whatever aid it may proffer us as the price of our acquiescence in its wrong.

For this very reason, it is fitting that the inquiry we propose should come from a body like this, indebted to this society for aid granted to nearly every one of its churches. The more intimate our relation of this kind, the more needful that we have comfort in the assurance that the source of this bounty is not



stained by fellowship with a terrible unrighteousness. Those who receive most, most need this assurance. And if the suspicions which have been sown abroad, and the insinuations and charges of guilt that have of late been so freely made against the H. M. Society, can be shown to be unfounded, it will be only an appropriate and *filial* thing for *us* to set forth this defense.

The trial and judgment of our great Benevolent Agencies on such a charge should be conducted with the utmost deliberation and discrimination. These great instrumentalities become identified with Christ's cause. The responsibility is great in condemning them, or in any way loosening their hold on the confidence and charities of the churches. Scarcely another sin against God's church and work in the world could be committed, greater than that of lightly bringing embarrassment and suspicion on an Agency like that of our H. M. Society. It *may* be done *only if it must*, on stern compulsion of duty. The office of accuser is ever one of great responsibility: and he who assumes to fill it in a case such as we now contemplate, had need to come to his task with a sober and saddened spirit, dispassionately just, and above all armed with ample warrant of fact and definite proof. Let him shrink from his task if he have not evidence of guilt, pointed and conclusive, more than suspicions, more than rumors and fears, more than probabilities of guilt—proofs, such as will bear the sifting of discriminate justice. And if he have not these, then for Christ's sake let him forbear to burden with distrust and jealous fears a cause already struggling with much weakness and many perplexities.

And just here we feel has been the grievous failure of those who have arraigned the A. H. M. Society before the churches as guilty of sustaining slavery. Its position has been everywhere brought into question—everywhere suspicion has been breathed and charges insinuated; and not without effect; for the confidence of many has been shaken, its resources have been in some degree impaired, and very widely the churches have been brought into suspense and painful apprehension. All this has been done; but when, where, and by whom, was there ever yet tabled a definite and tangible charge against this Society?

Where have the proofs of guilt been set forth, the matter and manner of the wrong, with punctual testimonies of time, place, and person? This should have been, long since; but it has never been done to this day. And now, when mischief has been so widely done, if any would seek the solution of his doubts and learn the causes of disaffection, the allegations are yet to be shaped and defined, the proofs are yet to seek, and all that is urged against the Society is vague and inconclusive.

There is reason to fear that, in the zeal which has been awakened against the Old Boards, patience and candor have somewhat failed. There has seemed to be a disposition to lump the old organizations together, and include them in the same sentence of condemnation, as if the excess of guilt, found or supposed, in some of these societies in their relations to slavery, might be reckoned over upon one that should happen to be less guilty. It is but just to insist that each of these Boards shall answer for itself, and stand or fall upon merits of its own. Whatever may be true of the American Board, whatever may be true of the Tract Society, we submit that the Home Missionary Society shall have an issue of its own. And if we do not mistake entirely the facts of the case, both its principles and its administration may safely challenge any scrutiny which candid justice shall approve. And such a scrutiny, we insist, is now due to this Society. Those who trust and those who doubt it, alike owe it the thorough inquiry which shall result in its honorable acquittal or its condemnation. And we are resolved that such a scrutiny, so far as it may lie in our power, it shall now have. Let the result be what it may, for ourselves we will know, if we can, the exact truth of this matter. We confess a grateful and earnest affection for the H. M. Society. As we look around us, what proofs of its beneficent influence are seen on every side! No other Society should have so large a place in our hearts, if it may have any place at all. But with all our love for it, and all our gratitude for what under God it has done for our Western churches, we declare ourselves ready to drop it, if upon full and fair inquiry it stand convicted, in purpose or effect, of sustaining American Slavery. But it shall

have the trial. We will not forsake it on presumption of its guilt. And with this purpose we will now set forth the fact and truth of this matter, so far as an earnest and patient search has enabled us to comprehend it.

Previous to the organization of the A. H. M. Society, there existed Domestic Missionary Boards in several of the States, and these operated with great efficiency and usefulness within their limited spheres. But none of these could reach the great field of destitution. The want was felt by good men all over our country of some great catholic and national organization that should awaken and direct a Missionary interest in the home field, corresponding to that which had grown up for the field abroad. On the 10th of May, 1826, after much consultation and correspondence, a Convention of one hundred and twenty-six delegates from Congregational, Reformed Dutch, and Presbyterian Churches, assembled in New-York, and the result was the organization of the American Home Missionary Society. Its plan was to sustain ministers in good standing in their Association, Classis, or Presbytery, in feeble churches connected with those denominations. It is to the purpose to notice that seventy of the one hundred and twenty-six members of this Convention were from the Presbyterian Church. Considering this, and the further fact which soon came into view, namely, that the more Scottish and intense portion of the Presbyterian Church—that which ultimately became the Old School Body—disfavored the H. M. Society from the first, and wrought through more congenial Boards of its own, thus leaving the H. M. Society to find its only favor and support out of New England among New School Presbyterians :—considering these facts, we wonder not that so large, but that no larger a number of the Missionaries of this Society has been along the northern frontier of the Slave region. As yet the conscience of the nation was sleeping over the sin of Slavery. No scruples could then have deterred the Society from sending its men into the churches of the South-west. Accordingly, in the first year of its operation, 14 of its 169 missionaries were in slaveholding States. This number increased year by year, till in 1834 it had 52

laboring under its commission in those States. • From that time there is a falling off year by year till in 1840 the number in that field sunk to 20. From that time to the present the increase has been quite constant, and in 1849 there were 63, and last year 56, laboring with churches in slaveholding States under the patronage of this Society. These statistics show that it is not by a new and special design that the Society is now sending so considerable a number of its Missionaries in that direction, for a much larger proportion of its whole number were sent thither in 1834 than in 1852: in the former 52 of 719, or a little over 7 per cent.; in the latter 56 of 1,065, or a little over 5 per cent. So in the whole operation of the Society for these 26 years, a fraction more than 5 per cent. of the Missionaries have been in slaveholding States, viz: 1,020 of 18,947. And from what part of that region have the applications for this help been made? Thirty-eight per cent. of all these have been in Missouri, and for the last ten years very nearly one-half! With an average of 39 Missionaries per year in those States, 11 of them have been in Missouri, 5 1-2 in Kentucky, almost 7 in Tennessee, about 1 each in Delaware, Maryland, Georgia and Alabama, about 3 1-3 in Virginia, and a fraction to each of the other slaveholding States. The yearly average of Missionaries in other States has been for the whole 26 years, in Connecticut 32, in New Hampshire and Vermont 42 each, in Pennsylvania 32, in Maine 71, in Ohio 74, in Indiana 33, in Illinois 54, in Michigan 38, in Wisconsin 20, while in New-York it has been 168, or on an average 23 per cent. of the whole Missionary force from year to year.

It is curious, and may be instructive, to observe also the great decline at one time in the applications for aid from churches in the slaveholding States. Much more rapidly than of late years the number of churches aided in that region ran up to 52, or about 1 in 14 of the whole force of the Society. This was while attention was as yet little turned, comparatively, to the subject of slavery. Then for a period of 5 or 6 years, and those the years of greatest heat and fermentation on the slavery question, the number of applying churches in that region sunk to 20 in

1840, or only 1 in 34 of the whole number in employ of the Society, viz : 20 from 690. The last ten years again have witnessed a very regular increase of applications from that quarter, till for the last reported year, 1 in 19 of our Home Missionaries were in churches below Mason and Dixon's line. Did those churches share in the jealousy of all Northern things which then ran through the South? This is the most obvious solution of the fact. Then, as of later years, the Union was to be preserved, and many singular sacrifices were laid on the altar of zealous patriotism. The average anti-slavery sentiment of the ministry in the North was not then as high as now ; but there prevailed then along the upper border of the slave States a resolute and unscrupulous advocacy of slavery, and a nervous terror of Northern Abolitionism, which have been moderated by sober second thought, since then. Times have changed, and men and churches, North and South, have changed with them ; and especially have juster sentiments penetrated the upper tier of slave States.

But leaving these statistics, let us proceed in the inquiry. So far as we have been able to gather, from all sources, the allegations against the H. M. Society in relation to slavery, they come to this : that it aids in sustaining year by year a considerable and increasing number of missionaries, in connection with feeble churches soliciting this aid in slaveholding States, some of which churches allow of slaveholding members ; and that in so doing the Society approves of the practice of these churches in this respect. It is held that the Society fully endorses the churches which it aids, as correct in doctrine and in practice. With some qualifications, we should be disposed to admit this position ; but the qualifications are very important. Thus in respect to any particular sin, we hold that the Society stands clear while still sustaining its missionaries in churches known to be implicated in that sin, provided :

1. That it shall have plainly declared its judgment of the sin in question, and defined its position and principles and aims as antagonistic to it.
2. Provided it exercise due care that its missionaries stand personally clear of the sin in practice and in sentiment, and have

the freedom due to every Christian Minister to declare the whole counsel of God touching this and every other sin, whether men will hear or forbear.

Without these, the Society might justly be held implicated, if it continued its aid to churches chargeable with such a sin as that of slavery. It subjects itself to the grievous suspicion of approving and sustaining a flagrant sin with which it comes in contact, if it hold silence in respect to its own sentiments and principles, or if it employ ministers disposed to keep silence from their own relations to the sin, or willing to suffer the injunction of silence from those among whom they minister. But on the other hand, these two conditions being complied with, the Society standing on a published platform of righteous sentiment and principle, and sending forth missionaries irreproachable in respect to this sin, and charged to apply the gospel on the terms of their high commission to all sin, we submit that the prevalence of such a sin as slavery in any community, and its toleration in a church, are not sufficient warrant for this Society to withdraw the gospel from that community and church, but are rather another reason why it should carry the gospel to that very point of need. So long as such a church solicits aid from a Society openly avowing hostility to that sin, and so long as the missionary is at liberty to deal freely under his high commission, we are unable to see that the Society at all compromises its position, or is chargeable with connivance at sin.

It remains now to inquire whether the H. M. Society holds this position on the subject of slavery.

And first, does it stand forth on open ground of avowed and published hostility to slavery? Has it uttered itself distinctly before the world, and put itself on record as condemnatory in sentiment and hostile in aims to American slavery? It has done this. It has not concealed its views on this topic. Repeatedly, and as widely as its published organs could accomplish it, the H. M. Society has defined its position and declared its sentiments. If these declarations have failed to come to the knowledge of any, it is not the fault of the Society; and we cannot but feel that it would have been more candid and

Christian in those organs which assail this Society, had they given to their readers the exposition which the H. M. Society has made of its views and purposes in relation to slavery.

In the Annual Report for 1844, slavery is spoken of as "an obstacle to the evangelization of the country, which may well fill the heart of philanthropy with deep concern"—as "that horrible anomaly in American institutions, covering so large a portion of our territory, and enthralling more than two and a half millions of souls in a bondage worse than Egyptian, and preventing the most direct and effectual efforts for their salvation." A similar utterance is found in the Feb. Home Missionary, 1849, where it is insisted on that its missionaries have the right to deal with slavery and its attendant evils in the light of reason and divine truth.

In 1850, an occasion was presented for a more explicit declaration of the principles and policy of the Society on this point. A correspondent from Missouri endeavoured at that time to enlighten the Society as to the kind of men it should send forth as missionaries in those parts. They should be men who would "let slavery alone." The complaint is made of some who come there and "enter into the discussions upon slavery." Interpreting this "by the actual treatment which some of their missionaries had received," the Executive Committee regarded this as "requiring that the missionary should lay aside all his convictions respecting slavery, and submit to have a conscience made for him, and his action to be dictated by the public sentiment which he finds on the spot." The reply is signal and emphatic, and places the Society right on this matter. They say—

"In reference to the subject of slavery, this Society deems it to be the province of the missionaries, as ministers of Christ, amenable to Him and to their respective ecclesiastical bodies, to determine for themselves the occasion and the way in which they will bring the Gospel to bear on this and every other evil. It virtually says to its laborers, 'You have God's truth, the cure of all human ill; go and apply it.' But we understand our correspondent and some others in the slave States to insist that to this subject the Gospel shall *not* be applied; that the missionary shall *not speak*, except he speak in one way; that if he can *defend* slavery by the instructions of Paul, it is well enough; but if he is opposed to it,

and thinks Paul so likewise, he is under the influence of Eastern prejudice, and had better stay away ! And the Society is virtually told not to send missionaries with liberty of conscience and speech, to do what they shall think is right, when, with Bible in hand, they shall meet slavery face to face ; but, to send only such as will wear a padlock on their lips, and give the key into the hands of keepers. This cannot be done. On the contrary, let it be understood, that the great object sought in sending missionaries to the destitute is, as far as possible, to redeem them from all sin, and from all the forms in which it is mixed up with society ; that if any minister can allow himself to have any other rule as to what he shall preach than his conscientious views of the mind of the Spirit, he lacks the very first qualification of a missionary ; and that if utter silence respecting slavery is to be maintained, one of the greatest inducements to send or sustain missionaries in slave States, is taken away." And they say in conclusion—"If our friends in the slave States wish us to send missionaries, or wish to induce missionaries to come to them, they must not prescribe any conditions which shall fetter the free action of intelligent and God fearing men, acting on their sincere convictions of the nature and requirements of the religion of Christ."

It would be difficult to say what utterances would place the Society in an independent and evangelical position if these do not. But these are not all. In an article in the Home Missionary for March last, is a still more complete exposition of the Society's views. They declare—

"That the missionaries who live where slavery exists, are bound, in the exercise of a due discretion as to times and methods, to make their ministry tend, in the most effectual manner, to the removal of this giant evil." They say that "in their publications—as well as by correspondence and personal intercourse—the people and the missionaries in the slaveholding States have been given to understand, that" their missionaries "are expected to make their ministry effective in enlightening the moral sense in regard to this and the attendant evils ; and that they will be sustained by the Society in so doing ; that when they are not allowed to seek this end by the use of such means as are appropriate to their office as ministers of the Gospel, the object of supporting them is in a great measure defeated ; that they ought not to close their mouths on the subject of slavery, any more than on other sins ; but that, if the people in one city or village will not hear them, it is their duty to go to another."

Further on, the tone is still more decisive. They declare that the Society "bears an open and unembarrassed testimony against slavery ; it ranks it among the chief evils with which the Gospel must grapple ; it sustains no ministers in slave States who are implicated in this sin ; it claims it as the right and the duty of the missionaries so to bring the Gospel to bear on this subject, that the moral sense of their people shall be awakened and enlightened, and they may be led to



free themselves from its guilt. When the missionary, in fulfilment of his duty, encounters opposition and obloquy, he is sustained by the sympathy and pecuniary aid of the Society, as long as there is hope of usefulness ; and then, when duty bids him depart, he is assisted to enter other fields."

Clear as these declarations are touching the sentiments of the Society, they are not less clear as to the care exercised by it that its missionaries shall be blameless and faithful men in respect to this sin. The demand for men who shall keep silence on slavery, is indignantly repelled. It openly takes ground that it will commission no man as a missionary who is personally implicated in slavery, and "if any minister in its employ becomes, either voluntarily or involuntarily, the owner of a human being, he is dropped from the list of its agents."

The full force of this last position lies in the fact that it is held by stretch of prerogative, and is a departure from the theory of the Society, if we understand it, viz. : not to go back of clean papers, and good standing in his ecclesiastical connection, in judging of the fitness of a minister for a missionary. That theory would require of the Society the acceptance and commission of any member of a Southern Presbytery as a missionary, upon due application, provided only that he hold, as a slaveholder easily may, an unimpeached position among the ministry of the South. It surely should count for something in estimating the position and spirit of this Society, that the only transgression of its theory with which it can be charged, has been committed in behalf of humanity, on the side of freedom ; that it breaks over to save itself from recognizing a slaveholder, "voluntary or involuntary," as a proper person to go forth as a preacher of righteousness ; and that no certificate of ministerial standing shall be held to countervail the disqualification of owning a human being. This is a very significant fact in respect to this Society, and it should go very far as indicating the *animus* of its Executive Board. A more pointed rebuke of slavery, a more emphatic testimony against it, could not well be devised, than this standing rejection of slaveholding ministers by the H. M. Society.

But we are persuaded that the apprehensions of Christian

people in this matter rest, after all, upon a certain assurance which they feel, that, whatever attitude the Society may hold, the truth will not be allowed free and full utterance where slavery prevails—that it will be, for the most part by indirect influences, put under bonds of discretion so exceedingly nice and cautious as never to find utterance at all ; and that ministers laboring where a false practice and a perverted conscience so prevail, *will* not be found faithful. It is a foregone conviction of this sort, we fear, that prejudges the whole question. The general style in which the Gospel is preached in the South, is supposed to be such as to foster and support the institution of slavery. Public sentiment there, in the churches as well as out of them, is supposed to demand a Gospel adapted to their peculiar institutions, and that it requires and generally obtains ministers and ministrations made to order, discreet men, speaking that which is to be spoken, and letting alone that which is to be let alone. And the fact that a church tolerates slaveholding in its members, is assumed as proof that such will be the style of missionary service which it will require—that faithfulness in declaring the truth of God fully and plainly, and in urging correct principles of church discipline, will not be endured in it. And so it is felt to be unsafe to attempt a missionary work in such churches.

Now this assumption has so much of probable ground to rest on that it deserves careful inspection.

1. And first it is to be considered that a part of these churches in slaveholding States, aided by this Society, are not churches having slaveholding members. Some of them are churches which have adopted a basis which excludes such persons from membership. Their only fault is that they are on the other side of a line—and standing thus “faithful among the faithless found,” these churches deserve the sympathy and honor of all God’s people.

2. In the next place, nearly all the churches under the patronage of this Society in the slaveholding States are along the upper frontier of those States, as in Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Northern Virginia, and Delaware. In some of the

more Southern States, as in North Carolina, and Alabama, the number of missionaries is much smaller now than formerly ; while others, as South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida, have of late years ceased altogether to receive missionaries from this Society. Now this is significant. This Society operates chiefly, so far as it operates at all in the South, along the border, where we know that a great transition is going on, where the principles of Freedom have already penetrated and wrought, and where the violence and rigor of oppression have abated. It is not only to be presumed and hoped, but it is known, that many churches in this region have attained to a liberality of sentiment and a patience of discussion in this matter of slavery, even beyond many Northern communities. Even where a church has not yet seen its way open to clear its membership of slaveholding, it is often found ready to hear and consider. And we ask, if these are not the very points of most hopeful labor ? Is it not in such churches, in the twilight of a waning sin, slowly working themselves clear of their prejudices and errors, that we ought most of all to labor with hopeful and considerate charity ?

3. Furthermore, we trust there is candor enough among Christian people who go farthest in their detestation of slavery, to feel the propriety of inquiring, *of what sort is the slaveholding* that is found in the churches aided by the H. M. Society ? There is a difference. Are these of the class who hold it a blessed and patriarchal thing, quite scriptural and Christian, and likely enough to be millennial, to hold slaves ? Do they defend it as radically right, and though liable to abuses, yet a good and useful thing ? That is one sort—and another quite prevalent style of slaveholding in the region referred to, involves far less of guilt. The man finds himself in it, inherited, and constituting mainly his wealth—an uncongenial thing to him, but it is upon him, and with a conscience little cultivated on this point, and finding every way out of it difficult, he rests in it, reducing it to as decent and Christian a shape as the case admits. The degree of guilt in such a case will be variously estimated. We go with those who count the best sort of slaveholding the worst,

for it alone adorns and upholds the system. But this does not decide the measure of personal guilt. Many, too, hating the system, but acting under laws that forbid the good they would do, decide, benevolently, though perhaps amiss, that duty calls them to retain the relation of master, and do for their slaves the best they can. They submit to slavery, and are themselves held in it, rather than holding. Now it is pertinent to inquire how far it may be this sort of mere *slave-having*, rather than *slave-holding*, that is found in the churches in question.

Now, if there be a probability that this is the kind with which the Society has to deal, however much we may question the wisdom of this passive continuance in slavery, and however much we may wish all such men would hasten to withdraw their powerful support, and leave the fabric of sin to stand on its own unrelieved ugliness, it is still very far from clear that the H. M. Society should refuse to sustain missionaries in such churches. Nor by sustaining them does it justly incur the charge of countenancing, or of not *discountenancing* slavery. Granting that even such slaveholding is not entirely free of guilt, so long as the missionary is free "to reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine," this is the very field in which we should rejoice that the gospel is preached.

4. The apprehension that a church containing slaveholders will not tolerate a faithful ministration, is very far neutralized by the fact that such church voluntarily applies for aid from a Society *better known throughout the South than here*, as opposed to slavery, as counting it one chief intent of gospel preaching to destroy it, as refusing to employ slaveholding ministers, and as peremptorily declaring that it will not furnish men who will let slavery alone. We venture to say that not a church in Missouri applies for aid to the H. M. Society, that does not know of the demand once made from that State for pliable and accommodating missionaries, and of the signal rebuke it met. They know the posture of the Society in South Carolina and Louisiana, and have ceased to solicit its help; they know it quite as well in the Northern belt of slaveholding States, and do still apply in increasing numbers for its aid. There is but one

natural inference from these facts, and that is that there does not prevail in that part of the slaveholding States a determination to hear no faithful scriptural handling on the subject of slavery. Very delicate the duty of the missionary in such a church may be, and fidelity may cost him no small sacrifice of ease and popular favor; but we do not believe it is true, and certainly it is not to be assumed as true, that these churches insist upon silence on the part of the missionaries touching this sin. The way is open, at least for hopeful efforts; and whenever it shall appear that a missionary is not allowed the exercise of his gracious discretion in rightly divining the word of truth as the sins of the people require, the H. M. Society stands pledged to "sustain him by its sympathy and pecuniary aid, as long as there is hope of usefulness; and then, when duty bids him depart, to assist him to enter another field."

5. It is not true, as a point of fact, that our Home Missionaries in those churches are silent on slavery. It is impossible to say how frequently, pointedly, urgently each of them, in fact, have, or in duty should have, handled this topic as a Christian preacher. The most ardent foe of slavery, unless he had parted altogether with his discretion, would take counsel of circumstances, and feel that to deal wisely with slavery, was as much his duty as to deal with it at all. It is the very point at which a missionary in such a case is put upon his chief responsibility, to commit neither of the two sins that will beset him—not to withhold the counsel of God against the wrong, on the one hand; nor to sin by the folly of a rash and unsuitable mode of procedure, on the other. This the Society commits to the discretion of its missionaries, charging them to deal faithfully with all sin, and especially not to let slavery alone. And it is known that they do not let it alone.

In the March No. of the Home Missionary, the Directors say: "It is our firm conviction that no other equal number of persons, in or out of the slave States, exert so great an influence as do these same missionaries, to bring the institution of slavery to be rightly regarded by those involved in it, and to induce churches to free themselves from its taint. It is not true that

they suffer the subject to sleep ; that they let it alone because it is a " delicate subject ; " but they discharge their consciences whether their message be well received, or whether, as in some instances, it subjects them to opposition, and even to personal danger. When their endeavors to do this, by a discreet use of the legitimate methods of the gospel, have not been tolerated, they have, in repeated cases, at the sacrifice of their own temporal interests, resigned their positions, and departed to other fields." And the testimony of missionaries is given, that they are awake to their obligation in this particular, and strive to discharge their duty.

6. Neither is it true, as seems to be assumed by the impugnors of the H. M. Society, that the gospel, as ministered by these missionaries, is without effect against slavery. The Directors say " they have made *progress* in awakening the consciences of their people, and securing the appropriate action in reference to it," " that there is a *real and substantial* progress, that cannot fail to be appreciated by those whose position gives them opportunity to form a candid and intelligent opinion." In speaking of the kinds of churches aided by them, they mention some which have freed themselves of slavery, " and that some of this class have been sustained in their position by the Society, in the face of strong remonstrances to the contrary. There are still other churches in various stages of progress towards a similar separation from slavery. By degrees, prejudices are softened, errors corrected, and better feelings diffused through the community around these churches." For example, a missionary states that, " when he commenced his labors, the discussion of slavery in the pulpit usually produced great excitement in the community, and in some instances led to popular tumult. Now, no opposition is made to his speaking freely and strongly in condemnation of the system, both in public and private." Another speaks of an " encouraging and growing opposition to slavery. The pulpit can now speak out on this subject, and men will hear. We are determined to remove this great difficulty in our way, or die in the attempt. As Christians, and as freemen, we will suffer this libel on our religion and institutions to exist no longer." " I

feel," he continues, "that we owe it to God and to the oppressed race in the midst of us, to exhibit the whole truth in regard to this matter. I shall, however, be careful not to permit my influence or my ministerial character to suffer. As far as possible, I will carry out the Saviour's precept, to be wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove." And the Directors say, finally, "advances, grateful to every Christian heart, have been made on this subject by individual minds, by churches, and by communities; and our faith is so strong that it is the tendency of the gospel, where it is preached in its purity, to destroy sin in all its forms; that the Society intends to persevere in thus preaching it, and to make still more perfect proof of this efficacy."

The facts, therefore, do not warrant the presumption that silence is required of the missionaries in these churches. If it were, nothing would justify their submission to such a requirement for a moment, nor could the Society be defended in retaining any relation to such churches. It is on the express ground that the liberty of the missionary, as a Christian minister, is conceded in those churches—liberty to inculcate every point of Christian doctrine and practice, as he may find needed in the moral and spiritual condition of the people—it is on this ground, and with the knowledge that the Society in fact gives no place for a moment to the demand for men who will let slavery alone, but rebukes it, and carefully rejects from its corps of missionaries every man so involved in the sin as to be likely to deal leniently with it—on the ground, also, that it explicitly plants itself on a platform of avowed anti-slavery principles, and has published to the world in its organs, and to the missionaries and churches under its care, in more special explication, its utter condemnation of slavery—it is on such ground we sustain the A. H. M. Society. On such grounds, we feel that the churches owe undiminished confidence and support to that Society. And unless these positions can be invalidated, as we have never yet seen them by any who assail the Society, we feel that the loose style of assumed and insinuated blame in which they indulge, is a grievous wrong to the Society, and a crime against Christ and His cause.

As a specimen of this kind of crimination, see page 22 of Tract No. 1 of the American Reform Tract and Book Society—where the A. H. M. Society is characterized as “sending continually its missionaries to churches, whose members not only hold and buy and sell the image of God, and who not only refuse to hear reproof or instruction in regard to their sin, but would thrust violently away from them any man of God who should either proclaim to *them* the truth, or presume to instruct the slave ; a Society which *so* preaches the Gospel as not only not to abolish slavery, but actually multiplies and strengthens slaveholding churches.” A similar strain of accusation is common in the prints of that Society. And we submit that it is time, and that there is need, if the opponents of the H. M. Society do not mean to occupy the position of prepense and resolved accusers, that they now give us definitive statements of facts, specified derelictions, with time, place, and person, as befits charges so grave. It is not enough that we are told continually, with much pathetic declamation, that the H. M. Society aids churches in slaveholding States, and that therefore it is guilty of endorsing slavery. Let us have more than this, or much less of inferential and constructive crimination.

Without entering into all the mooted questions that hover about this matter, there are two considerations which urge themselves upon us as most pertinent to the subject.

If it were the case that the H. M. Society sent forth its missionaries to *found* churches in the slaveholding States, and the question were—on what basis of principle and practice shall a church be constituted in respect to slavery ? and it were then to originate or authorize in the churches a constitution providing for the indiscriminate reception of slaveholders, it would be justly chargeable with fellowshipping and fostering slavery. Such is undoubtedly the constitution which the Society finds in some of the South-western churches soliciting its aid. It is a vicious and sinful arrangement. At the very least, slaveholding should be a *prima facie* disqualification for membership in a Christian church, imposing on one holding that relation the burden of rebutting the presumption which thus lies against him



piety, and of showing, ere he be received as a member, that he is, notwithstanding, a Christian man. Let him show, if he can, by broad marks, which all who know him will recognize, if they really exist, that the spirit of oppression and selfishness is not in him ; that his holding is *upon* him, and not *in* him ; that he is intent to know and do his duty in the case—this, at the least, before he be accepted as a follower of Christ. But the case stands quite differently with the H. M. Society. It finds these churches already organized, and needing aid—churches of Christ, as the most earnest in the opposition dare not deny, though wrong in their views and policy respecting slavery. The single question for the Society is, shall we now preach the Gospel in these churches, not as approving their views, nor as sanctioning their policy in this respect, but on the contrary, as utterly and avowedly condemning the whole system, but still coming into such relation to these churches as to labor in them for their recovery from all wrong ? Shall we recognize them as Christian, though defective churches, and strive to purge them as vessels for the Master's use, applying the Gospel just as unimpeached Christian ministers in their discretion, on the ground, shall judge wisest—shall this be done, or these churches be denied aid, and thrust away from our hopes and labors ? The H. M. Society has judged the former to be most wise and Christian ; and so far from meriting these suspicions, it deserves thanks from all who hate slavery, as the most effective of all our Christian agencies against that sin. These Southern churches do not understand the H. M. Society as in any sense approving slavery ; neither do Southern communities so understand it ; nor will it be so regarded by any who candidly consider the history of its sayings and doings in relation to this subject.

The other consideration to which we referred, relates to the question—where, after all, does the responsibility pointedly rest for the just application of the Gospel in these erring churches ? The Board of Directors cannot be present to direct ; they must entrust the whole administration of the Gospel in the detail of it to the missionaries in the field, each judging and acting under vows, and as he shall answer to his Lord.

send men who are certified to them as tried and faithful ministers of Christ ; aside from this, they can ordinarily know little beyond the general repute of the man—little of his spirit, little of his bearing as a soldier of Christ in presence of the enemy, whether he will be firm and faithful, or shrink and tremble in conflict with a great sin like slavery. All depends on the style of the man. And there the responsibility must rest. The society lends all its influence to the encouragement of fidelity in its missionaries. It cannot fitly give special rules dealing with slavery ; it can but send approved men, known to be free from all peculiar temptations to be unfaithful ; and they falter and flinch, and hide the counsel of the Lord through fear or favor, on them it rests, and not on the Society. For any derelictions of this kind in its agents, the Society is held accountable only so far as it shall be found authoring the fault.

Doubtless here is our weakness as against slavery and as against every other sin. Ten Christian men go forth as missionaries to as many churches in slaveholding communities ; you shall find ten varieties of procedure, ranging from a prophet's heroism down to cowardly silence. The trial is the same, and we who afar off lift up loud voices of unsparing condemnation against slavery, and easily see how Jonah should straightway proceed to Ninevah, and cry against its sins, should consider how cogent and insidious are the influences which among people will bring to bear to seduce and silence a minister of Christ. All styles of men are in the ministry—the firm and the weak, the bold and the timid, the wise and the rash. We have the missionaries of the H. M. Society in the South have many and are, taken together, as faithful as an equal number of Northern preachers would be amid their trials. Much they have done against slavery ; much which, with more grace, they might have done, we fear they have failed to do ; but we do well see how the Society could have secured a greater measure of fidelity than it has.

It would be difficult to say, too, how the H. M. Society could have repeated in a greater variety of form its substantial

declaration of hostility to slavery. It has not, indeed, sworn into the words of any Society, nor adopted any formulary of technical anti-slavery utterance. But to any mind that listens to the meaning of words, and not to words only, the declarations of this Society will seem full and satisfactory.

The H. M. Society has done everything *in kind* which a candid judgment could ask, to vindicate the correctness of its sentiments, and its position in relation to slavery. Everything *in kind*; and yet we are constrained to feel and say, when we consider the painful prominence of the sin in question, how it thrusts itself in wherever the sons of God meet or have any work of the Lord on hand; and when we see how widely the hearts of Christians are made to ache by the suspicion that this beloved Society in any way fails of its duty toward this sin, oh! that it had spoken more and oftener, more freely and promptly! It may be a weakness, but it is certainly a very venial one, that Christian ears and hearts should crave to be often assured that a sin so grievous is not forgotten. Over and over again, we can afford to utter a feeling so honorable to every Christian, so pertinent to every American Christian, as that of earnest abhorrence of slavery. It is a comfort to many of our minds to hear it, and it is good for our Southern brethren, and for all the world to hear it.

We are glad that the Society is ready to declare, as it does in the March No. of the Home Missionary, that it stands upon the highest ground ever taken by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church—ground once far higher than it now holds, as its noble utterance in 1818 demonstrates; and on the same ground with the Resolution of the Albany Convention. It aims to preach the Gospel in its purity, and as far as practicable, it sends and supports such ministers only as its missionaries as it has every reason to believe will “so preach the Gospel, and inculcate the principles and application of Gospel discipline, that, with the blessing of God, it shall have its full effect in awakening and enlightening the moral sense in regard to slavery, and in bringing to pass the speedy abolition of that stupendous wrong;” and when their missionaries in some instances, “have

not been permitted so to preach, but have, in accordance with the directions of Christ in such cases, 'departed out of that city,'" this Society has approved their fidelity, sustained them in their sacrifice, and aided them to other fields of labor.

So far, therefore, from finding just grounds of fact for the charge so industriously made against the H. M. Society of countenancing and fostering slavery, a thorough and dispassionate inquiry gives us the simple truth that this Society stands upon a platform of avowed opposition to slavery, openly declares war upon it as one of its foremost foes in the work of evangelization, sifts out from among its agents every man whom participation in slavery in any form might turn aside from duty, refuses to send men who will let slavery alone, and gives to its missionaries every encouragement to be as faithful as they know this Society, and He who is both its Master and theirs, expect them to be. It does everything to evince its abhorrence of slavery, except simply cease to fight it! It does not sheathe the sword and turn away to seek some other and feebler foe. It carries the war into the enemy's land. It will not quit even the churches which that giant sin has polluted with its touch, but looks upon them as the points where it may most closely and advantageously grapple with it, and smite it with the weapons of the Lord. We heartily approve this policy of the Society; only may God raise up for them men of such faith and power as the work demands, and breathe into them the spirit of meek simplicity, and cool heroic wisdom, and patience of love and hope and prayer. Were the Society to abandon this policy, and withdraw its men, the twilight that now rests upon the debateable ground between freedom and oppression, would deepen by many shades of darkness, and whole districts would be given over to unbroken night. So let it be, if to do otherwise would compromise the truth of God. If to preach the Gospel with all the faithfulness which it can secure from human agents still leaves the H. M. Society guilty of approving slavery, then indeed it should withdraw, and leave that sin to undisputed mastery of the field. But let us be sure of our ground, before we quench another light in the darkened South. We firmly believe

that this Society is doing more by its missionaries in the slaveholding States, than is done by all other agencies together, to bring the Gospel front to front with slavery. And we call earnestly on those who are now burdening this Society with suspicion, and paining the hearts of good men with unfounded apprehensions, to cease from their work, and join with us in the prayer and the trust that it may fill nobly up, in the future, the career of fidelity on which it has entered, and that it may be anointed of God, "to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound."

*Resolved*, Therefore, that this General Association do cordially approve of the A. H. M. Society, and commend it to our churches as an organization from which it is safe and blessed to receive, and to which it is more blessed to give.

And whereas insinuations and charges of wrong have been made against this Society in its relations to slavery, too vague in their character, and too general and sweeping in their aim, to admit of refutation, therefore—

*Resolved*, That we will frown upon all such accusations, unless their authors and abettors will make specific allegations, and hold themselves responsible for the same.

## WISCONSIN.

For the Statistics of this State, thanks are specially due to Z. M. Humphrey, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Stated Clerk of the General Convention of Wisconsin; who promptly and kindly furnished the Union with a copy of Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in Wisconsin," published in 1851, and with corrected statistics of Congregational Churches as far as the limited time would permit; from which the following items are collected.]

The history of the rise and progress of religious institutions in this State is without a parallel, in respect to their early establishment and their rapid advancement. Fifteen years ago this country was occupied by the wild red man and the wild prey which followed in the chase. In 1836, one minister entered this field to commence his labors, and one church was organized during that year. In 1839, there were three ministers and five churches. From that time there has been a constant accession of ministers and a rapid increase of churches from year to year. There are now (1851,) one hundred ministers and one hundred and twenty-five churches. An ecclesiastical organization has been established, consisting of a General Convention and four District Conventions, which happily unite these churches and ministers in one body; and over forty houses of worship have been erected.

These statistics and general statements by no means show what has been accomplished. An amount of moral influence has been exerted by these ministers and churches on the forming

character of this young and growing State, which no arithmetic can compute and no mere figures express. The Gospel has been preached not only to congregations connected with these churches, but to multitudes in other places, and in the scattered settlements of the country. Sabbath schools have been extensively established, and multitudes of children and youth have thus been brought up under religious instruction. The Temperance cause has been aided and borne forward in its achievements. The Bible has been widely circulated. Tracts and religious books have been scattered over the State. The observance of the Sabbath has been promoted ; the cause of education has been advanced ; common schools have been encouraged ; select schools and academies have been established and sustained, and a college has been founded and put in successful operation ; and revivals of religion have been enjoyed among the churches from year to year, which have resulted in the hopeful conversion of nearly three thousand souls.

These happy results are to be traced in a great measure to the influence and efforts of the AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY. The early occupancy of the field by that Society, its efficient aid and continued fostering care, have placed the cause of religion in its present advantageous position in the State. Nearly all the churches were either organized by the missionaries of that Society, or have been aided in the support of their ministers by its funds. Several ministers who are now sustained by their own people, are occupying ground prepared to their hands by the missionaries of the A. H. M. S., and building on foundations laid by them.

It will be a matter of interest to those who are not acquainted with the practical working of the Convention, to know what are its powers, and the relations which it sustains to the churches connected with it.

The great principle involved in this arrangement is contained in the first article of the Constitution, which is fundamental and unalterable, as follows :

“ Churches belonging to this Convention may adopt either

the Presbyterian or Congregational mode of government, and shall each be represented at the meetings of the Convention by one delegate."

In the organization of a church, the form of government is decided by the vote of the majority of the members ; the minority yield their preferences, and coincide with the form of government thus adopted. There is no mixture of the two modes of government in the same church. Each church is either Presbyterian or Congregational, and transacts its business according to the established rules and usages of other churches of the same order ; recognizing the right of the majority to decide in matters of this kind.

To the Presbyterian churches, the Convention sustains the same relation as a Presbytery, and has the same jurisdiction over them. To the Congregational churches it stands in the same relation as an Association with lay delegation, or rather a Consociation. It has no jurisdiction over the churches, unless by their action cases are referred to Convention for decision.

There is a provision in the Constitution which requires the records of the churches to be reviewed ; but this rule does not give the Convention any *control* in a judicial sense. It is designed, so far as Congregational churches are concerned, to afford opportunity for advice and suggestion in regard to the manner of keeping records, and to enable Convention to discover any essential disorders or departure from sound doctrine, in which case they have the right to withdraw fellowship from the church, and thus dissolve the connection.

Twelve years have now passed since the organization of the Convention ; its meetings have been harmonious and profitable, and often seasons of deep interest and spiritual refreshing.



## STATISTICS OF CHURCHES IN WISCONSIN.

### Columbia County.

| Churches.               | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministors. | Ordain-<br>ed. | Consecr-<br>ated<br>Latter. |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Columbus,               | 1850            |          |            |                |                             |
| Fountain Prairie,       | 1849            | 19       |            |                |                             |
| Hampden,                |                 |          |            |                |                             |
| Welsh Prairie. (Welsh,) | 1848            | 32       |            |                |                             |

### Dane County.

|                            |      |    |                     |  |      |
|----------------------------|------|----|---------------------|--|------|
| Blue Mounds,               | 1847 | 24 | David Jones, s. s., |  |      |
| Dane,                      |      |    |                     |  |      |
| Dunkirk,                   | 1846 |    |                     |  |      |
| Half-way Prairie, (Welsh,) | 1848 |    |                     |  |      |
| Madison,                   | 1840 | 40 |                     |  |      |
| Ohio Settlement,           | 1847 |    |                     |  |      |
| Rockville,                 |      |    |                     |  |      |
| Sun Prairie,               | 1846 |    | Caleb W. Mathews,   |  | 1850 |

### Dodge County.

|                 |      |    |  |  |  |
|-----------------|------|----|--|--|--|
| Clyman,         | 1844 | 9  |  |  |  |
| Dodge Centre,   | 1849 |    |  |  |  |
| Emmet, (Welsh,) | 1846 |    |  |  |  |
| Lowell,         | 1845 | 12 |  |  |  |
| Oak Grove,      |      |    |  |  |  |

### Fond du Lac County.

|                 |      |    |                         |  |      |
|-----------------|------|----|-------------------------|--|------|
| Alto,           | 1849 | 21 | Vacant,                 |  |      |
| Byron,          | 1849 |    |                         |  |      |
| Ceresco,        | 1850 |    |                         |  |      |
| Fond du Lac,    | 1845 | 89 | S. Hawley, s. s.,       |  |      |
| Hortonville,    |      |    | Vacant,                 |  |      |
| Lamartine,      | 1850 |    |                         |  |      |
| Oakfield,       |      | 23 | S. D. Darling, s. s.,   |  | 1850 |
| Rosendale,      |      | 42 | Dana Lamb,              |  | 1847 |
| Springvale,     | 1848 | 20 | "                       |  | 1847 |
| Utica, (Welsh,) | 1851 |    |                         |  |      |
| Waupun,         | 1845 |    | Silas A. Ashmun, s. s., |  |      |

**Grant County.**

| Churches. | Organ-<br>ized | Members. | Ministers               | Ordain-<br>ed. | Com'ced<br>Labor. |
|-----------|----------------|----------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|           | 1847           | 9        | Samuel W. Eaton, s. s., |                |                   |
| Prairie,  |                | 39       | Ira Tracy,              |                |                   |
|           | 1843           | 78       | S. W. Eaton, s. s.,     | 1847           | 1846              |
|           | 1839           | 127      | John Lewis,             | 1844           | 1847              |

**Green County.**

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**Iowa County.**

|          |      |    |                    |      |      |
|----------|------|----|--------------------|------|------|
|          | 1847 | 43 | A. S. Allen,       | 1837 | 1846 |
| (Welsh,) | 1845 | 52 | Evan Owens, s. s., |      |      |

**Jefferson County.**

|      |      |    |                          |  |      |
|------|------|----|--------------------------|--|------|
|      | 1840 | 28 | Caleb W. Mathews, s. s., |  | 1848 |
| son, | 1841 | 49 | M. Montague, s. s.,      |  | 1844 |
|      |      | 24 | Vacant,                  |  |      |
|      | 1850 | 11 |                          |  |      |
| ng,  | 1846 | 20 | Vacant,                  |  |      |
| s,   | 1847 |    |                          |  |      |
|      | 1845 |    |                          |  |      |
| n,   | 1845 | 21 | N. C. Chapin, s. s.,     |  | 1850 |

**Kenosha County.**

|          |      |     |                         |      |      |
|----------|------|-----|-------------------------|------|------|
|          | 1851 |     |                         |      |      |
|          | 1838 | 152 | J. Gridley,             | 1835 | 1847 |
|          | 1844 |     | Joseph S. Emery, s. s., |      |      |
| Prairie, | 1844 | 37  |                         |      |      |
|          | 1840 | 37  | L. W. Thompson, s. s.,  |      |      |

**Lafayette County.**

|        |      |    |                       |  |      |
|--------|------|----|-----------------------|--|------|
| anch,  | 1849 | 22 | Calvin Warner, s. s., |  |      |
|        | 1846 | 29 | "                     |  | 1847 |
| h,*    | 1848 | 22 | John Reynard, s. s.,  |  | 1850 |
| rings, | 1847 | 27 | S. A. McEwen, s. s.,  |  | 1849 |
| ings,* | 1844 |    | Vacant,               |  |      |

**Manitowoc County.**

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|----|--|----|---------------|------|--|
| s, |  | 12 | D. Pinkerton, | 1845 |  |
|----|--|----|---------------|------|--|

**Marquette County.**

|        |      |  |  |  |  |
|--------|------|--|--|--|--|
|        | 1850 |  |  |  |  |
| slsh,) | 1850 |  |  |  |  |

**Milwaukee County.**

| Churches.              | Organ-<br>ized. | Members | Ministers.           | Ordain-<br>ed. | Consec-<br>rated |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Granville,             | 1843            |         |                      |                |                  |
| Milwaukee, Plym'th ch. | 1841            | 175     | J. J. Miter,         | 1837           | 1841             |
| " Spring-st.           | 1847            |         | J. G. Wilson, s. s., |                |                  |
| Wauwatosa,             | 1842            | 77      | Luther Clapp,        | 1845           | 1845             |

**Outagamie County.**

|           |  |    |                    |      |      |
|-----------|--|----|--------------------|------|------|
| Appleton, |  | 31 | Charles W. Munroe, | 1850 | 1850 |
|-----------|--|----|--------------------|------|------|

**Racine County.**

|                  |      |    |                      |      |      |
|------------------|------|----|----------------------|------|------|
| Caledonia,       | 1844 |    |                      |      |      |
| North Rochester, | 1840 |    | Vacant,              |      |      |
| Racine,          | 1851 | 40 | M. P. Kinney, s. s., |      |      |
| " (Welsh,)       | 1848 | 45 | John Parry,          | 1844 | 1844 |
| Raymond,         |      | 76 | T. Loomis,           |      |      |
| Rochester,       | 1840 | 40 | R. R. Snow, s. s.,   | 1845 | 1847 |

**Rock County.**

|                |      |     |                        |  |      |
|----------------|------|-----|------------------------|--|------|
| Beloit,        | 1838 | 238 | — Brinsmade, D. D.,    |  |      |
| Centre,        | 1848 | 28  | J. Jameson, s. s.,     |  | 1849 |
| Emerald Grove, | 1846 | 49  | O. F. Curtis, s. s.,   |  | 1850 |
| Evansville,    | 1846 | 7   | Francis Lawson, s. s., |  |      |
| Fulton,        |      | 21  | W. Sewall, s. s.,      |  |      |
| Janesville,    | 1845 | 149 | H. Foote,              |  | 1846 |
| Johnstown,     | 1845 | 48  | H. H. Dixon, s. s.,    |  |      |
| Magnolia,      |      | 19  | J. Jameson, s. s.,     |  |      |
| Milton,        | 1838 | 29  | A. Warren, s. s.,      |  |      |
| Mount Zion,    | 1842 | 28  |                        |  |      |
| Newark,        | 1845 | 28  | Vacant,                |  |      |
| Rock Prairie,  |      |     | Vacant,                |  |      |
| Shopiere,      | 1844 | 72  | M. Wells, s. s.,       |  |      |

**Sauk County.**

|                                   |      |    |                         |      |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|----|-------------------------|------|------|
| Baraboo,                          | 1847 |    | W. Cochran,             | 1846 | 1847 |
| Prairie du Sac,                   | 1841 | 19 | Edward G. Miner, s. s., |      |      |
| Spring Green Prairie,<br>(Welsh,) |      |    |                         |      |      |

**Sheboygan County.**

|            |      |    |                  |      |  |
|------------|------|----|------------------|------|--|
| Sheboygan, | 1845 | 43 | Charles W. Camp, | 1848 |  |
| " Falls,   | 1847 | 72 | W. Allen, s. s., |      |  |

**Walworth County.**

|                |      |    |                      |  |      |
|----------------|------|----|----------------------|--|------|
| Allen's Grove, | 1845 | 92 | Benjamin Holtz,      |  | 1850 |
| Bloomfield,    | 1846 |    |                      |  |      |
| Delavan,       | 1841 | 92 | Lucius Foote, s. s., |  | 1847 |

**Walworth County.—Continued.**

| Churches.       | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.     | Ordain-<br>ed. | Com'ced<br>Labor. |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Elkhorn,        | 1843            | 29       | Vacant,        |                |                   |
| Spring Prairie, | 1841            | 20       |                |                |                   |
| Sugar Creek,    | 1841            | 27       | Vacant,        |                |                   |
| Troy,           | 1839            | 70       | Vacant,        |                |                   |
| Whitewater,     | 1840            | 115      | W. S. Huggins, |                |                   |

**Washington County.**

|           |      |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|------|--|--|--|--|
| Hartford, | 1847 |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|------|--|--|--|--|

**Waukesha County.**

|                     |      |    |                     |      |      |
|---------------------|------|----|---------------------|------|------|
| Brookfield,         | 1849 | 16 | Anson Clark, s. s., | 1848 | 1848 |
| Delafield, (Welsh,) | 1844 | 32 | R. Morris, s. s.,   |      | 1846 |
| Genesee,            | 1842 | 61 | S. Emerson, s. s.,  |      |      |
| Lisbon,             | 1842 | 35 | Vacant,             |      |      |
| Oconomewoc,         | 1845 | 25 | Vacant,             |      |      |
| Pewaukee,           | 1840 | 34 | Vacant,             |      |      |
| Warren,             | 1841 |    |                     |      |      |
| Waukesha,           | 1838 | 98 | M. Holmes,          |      |      |

**Winnebago County.**

|              |      |    |                        |      |      |
|--------------|------|----|------------------------|------|------|
| Menasha,     | 1851 | 29 | J. W. Walcott, s. s.,  |      | 1850 |
| Neeah,       | 1846 | 25 | Vacant,                |      |      |
| " (Welsh,)   | 1849 |    |                        |      |      |
| Oshkosh,     | 1849 | 55 | Hiram Freeman, s. s.,  | 1840 | 1849 |
| " (Welsh,)   | 1850 |    |                        |      |      |
| Princeton,   |      | 13 | E. G. Bradford, s. s., |      |      |
| Stockbridge, |      | 52 | O. P. Clinton, s. s.,  | 1835 |      |
| Vinland,     | 1850 |    |                        |      |      |
| Wautoma,     |      | 5  | Edward Brown, s. s.,   |      |      |

## I O W A .

The General Association of Iowa convened at Mount Pleasant, in the Congregational Church, June 2, 1853, at 7 1-2 P. M., and was opened with devotional exercises.

Rev. B. Gaylord was chosen Moderator; Rev. A. B. Robbins, Scribe; and Rev. H. Adams, Assistant Scribe.

A committee was appointed to report a plan for the appropriation of the apportionment (8000 dollars) of the \$50,000 fund made to this State, and to nominate a committee of five to receive and appropriate the money. They were also instructed to appoint a committee as central as possible.

This committee subsequently made a report, which, after amendment, was adopted, as follows :

### PLAN OF APPROPRIATION TO AID IN ERECTING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES IN IOWA.

I. Messrs. J. A. Reed, E. Adams and I. Lambrite, of Davenport; W. Salter, of Burlington; and Henry A. Wiltse, of Dubuque, shall be the committee to receive and appropriate the money apportioned to this State. They shall hold their office one year, and until their successors are appointed, and with power to fill vacancies. They shall make an annual report to the General Association. Three of this committee shall constitute a quorum, competent for the transaction of business.

II. The committee shall appoint their own officers—a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

III. The principles regulating the committee in appropriating aid shall be those contained in the eighth, ninth, tenth, and eleventh articles of the Plan adopted by the Albany Convention.

Articles of Incorporation were also adopted, constituting the above committee, "The Iowa Church-building Fund Corporation."

The above committee organized after adjournment, and chose J. A. Reed, President, E. Adams, Secretary, and J. Lambrite, Treasurer. Applications for aid should be addressed to the Secretary, at Davenport.

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The following resolution was adopted in reference to the Mass. Sabbath School Society :

*Resolved*, That we regard with interest the establishment by the Massachusetts Sabbath School Society, of a Western Agency, and cordially recommend Rev. D. B. Nichols, agent for Iowa and Northern Illinois, to the sympathies and co-operation of our churches and communities.

In the evening, a sermon was preached from John 17 : 18, by Rev. A. Turner.

On the following morning these resolutions were adopted in reference to

THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND IOWA COLLEGE.

I. That a devoted and efficient ministry is, by God's arrangement, indispensable to the progress of the Redeemer's Kingdom on the earth, and that the churches of Christ are under the most solemn obligation to make every effort to provide for this great want, by striving to train up such a ministry.

II. That it is the duty of the ministers and churches represented in this Association to encourage young men of devoted piety and promising talent, to consecrate themselves to the work of the Christian ministry, and to furnish to such all the aid they may need to enable them to enter upon a course of study with this end in view. Therefore,

III. That an effort be made to raise within the State during

the year the sum of five thousand dollars ; two thousand dollars for the endowment of four permanent scholarships in the Preparatory Department of Iowa College ; so much of the remainder as may be needed for the current year to be given to aid this class of young men ; and the balance to be disposed of as the Trustees may direct : This sum to be raised in the following manner ; by circulating a subscription among those here present, and by requesting all our ministers to present this subject to their several charges on or near the first Sabbath in December, and take up collections in aid of this object.

A subscription paper was circulated, and \$711 subscribed.

#### CONGREGATIONAL HERALD.

That we regard the establishment of the Congregational Herald in Chicago as an enterprise urgently demanded by the wants of the churches in the North-West, that the editors of that paper have our hearty sympathy and confidence, and that we recommend its introduction to the families of our congregations.

#### AMERICAN HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

I. That our relation to the Home Missionary work and the debt of gratitude we owe to the A. H. M. S., lead us to cherish a deep interest in the welfare of that Society, and feel as deep grief at whatever may hinder its prosperity.

II. That prompted by this interest, we affectionately request the Executive Committee of said Society, to adopt a rule, under which, aid for the support of the Gospel shall be withheld from churches admitting voluntary slaveholders to their communion.

#### TEMPERANCE.

That having unceasing confidence in the justice and expediency of the principles of the "Maine Law," we earnestly desire, and will labor to secure, its enactment, substantially, in this State.

## POLITICAL DUTIES.

That we believe the morality of the Gospel extends to our political as well as to our religious duties, and that we are required thereby as really to use the power vested in us as citizens against slavery and intemperance, as we are to pray against those sins.

## DOCTRINAL TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY.

I. That this Association record their grateful acknowledgments to the Doctrinal Tract and Book Society of Massachusetts, for their valuable contributions to the libraries of many of our ministers, of the works of Bellamy, Hopkins, the younger Edwards, and the venerable John Robinson, and that we are animated by the substantial aid which we have thus received, to seek higher qualifications for the more faithful and efficient prosecution of our ministerial labors.

II. That we regard the republication of other works of the Fathers of New England, together with a history of the New England Churches, as an enterprise of great importance, and as demanded by a due regard to the memory of those who have obtained for their principles and labors a good report, and also by a just sense of the wants of our own generation, and especially of the West.

## CORRESPONDING BODIES.

The following Delegates were appointed, in case of whose failure, the Registrar was instructed to give certificates to such ministers as may be able to attend.

|                                   |                 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| To General Conference of Maine,   | D. Lane.        |
| " " Association of New Hampshire, | " "             |
| " " Convention of Vermont,        | H. Adams,       |
| " " Association of Massachusetts, | B. A. Spaulding |
| " " " Connecticut,                | R. Gaylord,     |
| " " " N. York,                    | W. L. Coleman,  |
| " " " Michigan,                   | C. H. Gates,    |
| " " " Illinois,                   | O. Emerson,     |
| " " Convention of Wisconsin,      | H. N. Gates,    |



|                                            |                |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| To German Evangel. Conference of the West, | W. Salter,     |
| “ Synod of Illinois,                       | S. Waters,     |
| “ “ “ Peoria,                              | A. B. Robbins. |

The Registrar was instructed to send the resolutions referring to the A. H. M. S., and D. T. & B. S., to their respective secretaries.

A discourse on the history of the Congregational Churches in Iowa was delivered this evening by R. Gaylord, which he was requested to furnish for publication in the Congregational Herald.

On the morning of the Lord's day Rev. J. C. Holbrook preached from John XVII. 4., *I have finished the work thou gavest me to do.* At 2 o'clock the children were addressed.—At 3 o'clock the Lord's Supper was administered. In the evening a sermon was preached by Rev. J. K. Mason, from Mat. XX. 20. *All these things have I kept from my youth up: What lack I yet?*

The Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches were, by request, supplied by appointment of the Association.

Adjourned to meet at Davenport on the first Wednesday in June, 1854, at 7 P. M. Rev. W. Salter, preacher of the Associational sermon, on Thursday evening.

## THE NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION

Begins with thanksgiving for the blessings of the year. The churches have been multiplied and increased. Seven new churches have been gathered, consisting largely of those who have recently been converted from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. They are the fruits of missionary labors, and should encourage to such labors more abundant.

Revivals of religion of peculiar interest and power are reported in several places. In one instance the Divine influence extended to a company of pious emigrants, who had stopped to rest in the neighborhood, on their way over the plains to Oregon. They were accompanied by a minister, who shared in the labor and joy of the ingathering of souls. Scores and hundreds of emigrants, catching the sacred fire, flocked to the standard of the Lord Jesus which had been raised ; and though belonging to different denominations, they now agreed to live together in a church-state, under the style of the "Oriana Church of Umpqua Valley," with the full purpose of planting the institutions of the gospel in their contemplated home, "where rolls the Oregon, and the Pacific wave." In another place eleven heads of families and four entire families, were added to the Lord.

Peace and prosperity have attended the churches generally. Their number is 57, ministers 49. The present number of members in the churches is 2,072. The net increase during the year is 208. The contributions of the churches to benevolent objects are \$3,314 70.

A number of houses of worship have been completed during the year, and a larger number are in process of erection, and about being commenced. The contributions from this State to the \$50,000 Fund are \$588,05. Many feeble churches are now encouraged to do what has long been in their hearts—to find out a place for the Lord, an habitation for the mighty God of Jacob. The friends of the Redeemer in all the new towns and

settlements are earnestly exhorted to avail themselves of the aid that is so generously proffered, and give neither sleep to their eyes, nor slumber to their eyelids, until they build a suitable house, in which they may statedly assemble to celebrate the praise of God.

A growing interest and more decided feeling prevails in relation to the questions of moral reform. Society is regarded as under obligation to protect itself and its more unfortunate members against the ravages of the distillery and the dram shop, and the establishment of the principles of the "Maine Law," in due time, is confidently anticipated. The withholding of all christian recognition, and support from the system of American slavery—a consummation most devoutly to be wished—seems nearer at hand than ever before. More just views are also obtaining in relation to the evils of popular ignorance, and schools and academies are believed to be extending their influence and improving in character. The number of Sunday School scholars in connection with the congregational churches is 2,333.

There is reason to believe that the principles and polity of our churches are gaining a stronger hold upon the confidence and affections of the people of the State at large. Calls for preaching the gospel are increasing in number and earnestness. The conviction is fast obtaining, that the churches must themselves furnish the young men who shall fill the sacred office in the new congregations and in the waste places. God is turning the hearts of some of the youth of promise in this direction, and the infant College already numbers those who desire the good work of a christian bishop. The hearty and vigorous co-operation of all the churches in the plan adopted at this meeting to increase the efficiency of Iowa College, with special reference to the training of ministers of the gospel, is earnestly desired. The population and wealth of the State are increasing with unexampled rapidity, and the necessity is urgent for a greatly increased number of good ministers of Jesus Christ.

## STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

### Davenport Association.

| Churches.         | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.     | Ordain-<br>ed. | Settled. |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Anamosa,          | 1846            | 50       | A. Wright,     |                |          |
| Davenport,        | 1839            | 72       | E. Adams,      |                |          |
| De Witt,          | 1842            | 9        |                |                |          |
| Fulton and Lyons, | 1839            | 27       |                |                |          |
| Le Clair,         | 1849            | 33       | L. R. White,   |                |          |
| Marion,           | 1848            | 55       | J. R. Mershon, |                |          |
| Muscatine,        | 1843            | 74       | A. B. Robbins, |                |          |
| Pedce,            |                 |          |                |                |          |
| Sabula,           | 1845            | 64       | O. Emerson,    |                |          |
| Tipton,           | 1844            | 46       | H. W. Cobb,    |                |          |
|                   |                 | 430      |                |                |          |

J. A. Reed, Agent of A. H. M. S.; E. Ripley, H. L. Bullen, Professors in Iowa College; E. Mead, W. C.

### Denmark Association.

|                  |      |     |                   |  |  |
|------------------|------|-----|-------------------|--|--|
| Brighton,        | 1841 | 12  | B. Roberts,       |  |  |
| Burlington,      | 1838 | 134 | W. Salter,        |  |  |
| Clay,            | 1844 | 42  |                   |  |  |
| Columbus,        | 1846 | 34  |                   |  |  |
| Crawfordsville,  | 1842 | 54  | W. A. Westervelt, |  |  |
| Danville,        | 1839 | 65  | R. Gaylord,       |  |  |
| Denmark,         | 1838 | 182 | A. Turner,        |  |  |
| Hillsboro,       | 1853 | 27  | J. C. Cooper,     |  |  |
| Long Creek,      | 1846 | 25  | D. Knowles,       |  |  |
| Mount Pleasant,  | 1841 | 26  | S. Waters,        |  |  |
| Old Man's Creek, | 1846 | 19  | G. Lewis,         |  |  |
| Salem,           | 1853 | 7   |                   |  |  |
| Trenton,         | 1849 | 17  | A. M. Eastman,    |  |  |
| Wapello,         | 1853 | 13  | A. L. Leonard,    |  |  |
| Warren,          | 1849 | 23  | R. Winchell,      |  |  |
|                  |      | 680 |                   |  |  |

D. B. Nichols, Agent Mass. S. S. S.; A. Leonard, W. C.; O. Eastman, W. C.

**Des Moines River Association.**

| Churches.      | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.          | Ordain-<br>ed | Settled |
|----------------|-----------------|----------|---------------------|---------------|---------|
| Bentonsport,   | 1843            | 43       | O. French,          |               |         |
| Eddyville,     | 1845            | 23       | G. B. Hitchcock,    |               |         |
| Elk Creek,     | 1851            | 5        | M. Carey,           |               |         |
| Fairfield,     | 1839            | 28       | C. H. Gates,        |               |         |
| Farmington,    | 1840            | 69       | H. Adams, P.        |               |         |
| Glasgow,       | 1853            | 6        |                     |               |         |
| Keosauqua,     | 1844            | 54       | D. Lane,            |               |         |
| Knoxville,     |                 | 12       | C. Burnham,         |               |         |
| Maryville,     | 1851            | 11       |                     |               |         |
| Oskaloosa,     | 1844            | 20       | J. V. A. Woods,     |               |         |
| Ottumwa,       | 1846            | 43       | B. A. Spaulding, P. |               |         |
| Pleasantville, | 1851            | 17       |                     |               |         |
| Red Rock,      | 1851            | 11       | S. J. Francis,      |               |         |
|                |                 | 342      |                     |               |         |

G. G. Rice, Kanesville.

**Dubuque Association.**

|                        |      |     |                 |  |  |
|------------------------|------|-----|-----------------|--|--|
| Bellevue,              | 1847 | 34  | W. L. Coleman,  |  |  |
| Bowen's Prairie,       | 1853 | 11  |                 |  |  |
| Cascade,               | 1844 | 11  |                 |  |  |
| Center, German,        |      | 20  | A. Frowein,     |  |  |
| Colesburg,             | 1846 | 50  | E. B. Turner,   |  |  |
| Cottonville,           | 1841 | 20  | S. D. Helms,    |  |  |
| Dubuque,               | 1839 | 149 | Jesse Guernsey, |  |  |
| Dubuque, German,       | 1847 | 82  | A. Van Vliet,   |  |  |
| Durango,               | 1848 |     | J. R. Upton,    |  |  |
| Farmersburg, German,   | 1848 | 13  | C. V. Hess,     |  |  |
| French Settlement,     |      | 17  |                 |  |  |
| Garnavillo,            | 1844 | 45  | O. Littlefield, |  |  |
| " German,              | 1848 | 18  |                 |  |  |
| Lansing,               | 1853 | 7   | T. Lyman,       |  |  |
| Maquoketa,             | 1843 | 28  | J. W. Windsor,  |  |  |
| Monona,                | 1847 | 9   |                 |  |  |
| Sherold's Mound, Ger., | 1849 | 69  |                 |  |  |
| Tivoli,                | 1851 | 11  |                 |  |  |
| Yankee Settlement,     | 1848 | 13  | H. N. Gates,    |  |  |
|                        |      | 620 |                 |  |  |

## MINNESOTA.

A Convention which resulted in the organization of the CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA, was held at St. Anthony, July 29, 1853. Rev. Sherman Hall was chosen Moderator, and Rev. H. M. Nichols, Scribe.

The Meeting was opened with portions of Scripture and prayer. Rev. Charles Seccombe gave an account of his labors in St. Anthony;—congregation increasing in numbers—sabbath school flourishing and interesting—27 members in the church.

Rev. Sherman Hall, of Point Douglass, gave an interesting account of his itinerant labors. 5 preaching places—a church of 11 members organized—only one male member besides the pastor—general aspect of things improving—observance of the sabbath increasing—a Sunday School just organized at Prescott; commenced under favorable auspices.

Rev. H. M. Nichols gave a short account of his tour through Benton county, and of the call for missionary labor.

After devotional exercises the Constitution and By-Laws were discussed and adopted—of which the following are the 1st and 9th articles:—

This Association shall be called *The Congregational Association of Minnesota*. It shall consist of Rev. Messrs. Sherman Hall, of Crow Wing, Richard Hall, of Point Douglass, Charles Seccombe, of St. Anthony, H. M. Nichols of St. Anthony, Royal Twitchell, of Rum River, and Charles Galphin, of Lake Minnetonka; together with all whom they shall hereafter receive into fellowship.

This Association adopts the following Confession of Faith, as a general symbol of doctrine:

## CONFES3ION OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe that there is one God—the sole Creator, Preserver and moral Governor of the universe. A spiritual Being of infinite wisdom, power, justice, goodness and truth; self-existent, independent and unchangeable.

ART. 2. We believe that the scriptures of the old and new Testaments were given by inspiration of God; that they contain a complete and harmonious system of divine truth, and are our only perfect rule of doctrinal belief and religious practice.

ART. 3. We believe that according to the scriptures the divine existence is such as lays a foundation for a three-fold distinction of persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God—he tsame in essence, and in all the divine attributes equal.

ART. 4. We believe that the one supreme God has made all things for himself; that known unto him were all his works from the beginning; and that he has made all things according to the holy and unchanging counsel of his own will; yet in such a manner as that man is a free agent, and accountable for all his actions.

ART. 5. We believe that the divine law, and the principles of divine government are perfectly holy, just and good.

ART. 6. We believe that the first parents of the human race were created holy, and fell from their original state by voluntarily transgressing the divine command in the article of forbidden fruit.

ART. 7. We believe that, in consequence of their apostacy, all their posterity are born with hearts depraved and at enmity with God; so that, if left to themselves, they will invariably commit sin, and expose themselves to his wrath forever.

ART. 8. We believe that Christ, the Son of God, is the only Redeemer of sinners—that he took our nature upon him, and by his sufferings and death made a sufficient atonement for the sins of all men, so that God can now be just, and yet the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus.

ART. 9. We believe that, although the invitations of the gospel are such that whosoever will may come and partake of the waters of life freely; yet the depravity of the human heart is such, that no man will come to Christ, except the Father, by the special and efficacious influences of his spirit, draw him.

**ART. 10.** We believe that those who embrace the gospel were chosen in Christ before the world began; and that they are saved, not by works of righteousness which they have done, but according to the distinguishing mercy of God, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

**ART. 11.** We believe that for those who exercise true faith in Christ, there is no condemnation, and that they are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

**ART. 12.** We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead; that all mankind must one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ, to receive sentence of just and final retribution, according to their respective works; and that from the judgment seat the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

**ART. 13.** We believe that the sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and Lord's Supper; that believers of regular church standing only, can consistently partake of the holy supper; and that visible believers be admitted to the ordinance of baptism.

The Congregational Association of Minnesota having been thus constituted with prayer by the Moderator, the Convention was dissolved, and Rev. Sherman Hall was chosen Moderator of the Association, and Rev. Charles Seccombe, Scribe.

The following are the By-Laws relating to the licensing of Candidates.

The examination of candidates for license shall embrace the following departments:

1. Standing in the Christian church; present experience of the grace of God, and motives for entering the gospel ministry.
2. Theological doctrine and practical duty.
3. The Hebrew and Greek languages.
4. Ecclesiastical History.
5. Ecclesiastical Polity and positive institutions.
6. Biblical Literature and History.
7. Classical and Literary attainments.

Each candidate shall be required to read before the Association a sermon, or such parts of it as shall be desired. He shall also present for examination, an exegetical essay. Unless personally known to one or more of the members, the candidate shall, ordinarily, present certificates of character from his instructors in theology, or from some one



known to the Association, in addition to the usual certificates of church membership and theological studies.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That we believe the morality of the gospel extends to our *social* and *political*, as well as our *religious* duties, and that we are thereby as really required to use the power vested in us as citizens, against the sins of the age, as we are to pray against those sins.

*Resolved*, That we regard slaveholding as a sin against God, and a crime against man; and we deem it eminently the duty of the church of Christ, to stand aloof from all connection with this sin, and protest by every christian means, against the principle of property in man.

*Resolved*, That fully believing in the justice and expediency of the principles of the prohibitory Liquor Law, as enacted by many of the States, we will do all in our power, as christian citizens and christian ministers, to secure the enactment of a similar Law in this Territory.

*Resolved*, That as the sanctification of the Sabbath is one of the firmest safe guards of Society, as well as one of the highest requirements of religion, we will use special effort to promote the public and social observance of the Sabbath day.

A Committee having been appointed to draft a system of regulations for the government of the Territorial committee who shall be appointed to receive and disburse the \$4000, presented the following report, which was adopted.

## REPORT.

### ON THE RULES FOR THE BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE.

1. This Committee shall choose their own officers, who shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer.

2. This Committee shall be annually renewed by election by the Congregational Association of Minnesota, to continue in office until their successors are appointed, with power to fill vacancies. Three members of this committee shall constitute a quorum competent to transact business; and they shall make an annual report to the Association of their doings.

3. The Committee shall be regulated in appropriating the money, by the principles contained in the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th articles of the Albany Convention, in relation to the church building fund. (See minutes of the Convention.)

4. No appropriation shall be made to a church until evidence is furnished that said church has a good title to its building lot, and that it has been incorporated according to law. Provided, however, a church is *unable* to obtain a title to their lot, they may receive the appropriation by giving sufficient security for the amount, until they have had a reasonable time for obtaining such title.

5. Every church applying for aid must give the name and location of the church or congregation, the number of members, both male and female, the name of its minister or stated supply, and the average number of attendants on public worship.

6. The amount to be appropriated to any church or society, will be paid to the order of the trustees, when the committee are satisfied that the house of worship has been completed agreeably to the terms of the appropriation.

7. In any case where payment in advance is necessary to secure the completion of the house of worship, a portion of the amount appropriated will be advanced on personal security, the whole amount to be paid and the security to be released when the house is completed.

8. Whatever portion of the \$4000,00 shall not be required for immediate use, the Committee may loan on proper security, that they shall be able to avail themselves of it whenever wanted.

The Territorial Committee were now chosen, to take charge of the building fund, and attend to its disbursement in accordance with the above regulations. That Committee consists of

Rev. R. Hall, of Point Douglass; Rev. Charles Galpin, Lake Minnetonka; Rev. Charles Seccombe, St. Anthony; Hon. W. C. Hurd, Sauk Rapids; Mr. Charles King, St. Anthony.

After devotional exercises, the Association adjourned to meet at Point Douglass, on the last Thursday of January, at 7 P. M.

## OREGON.

The history of Congregationalism on the Pacific coast begins with the embarkation of Rev. George H. Atkinson for Oregon, October 23, 1847, where he arrived on the 20th of the following June, having been detained nearly three months at the Sandwich Islands, awaiting an opportunity to obtain a passage to the mouth of the Columbia. In the autumn of 1848, a second missionary, Rev. Horace Lyman, was commissioned for this distant part of our *home* field, who commenced his labors at Portland, at the head of navigation on the Willamette River, and at present the most important place in the Territory. A church of twenty members has been organized, and a commodious church edifice erected at an expense of \$6,400, and its influence is already widely felt in the cause of temperance, education, and every effort to promote the well-being of society.

Rev. George H. Atkinson, who is stationed at Oregon City, twelve miles above Portland, has spent a portion of his time the past year in an effort at the East to procure the endowment of two literary institutions, which are regarded as vital to the interests of the cause of education in the Territory. Not the least important among the manifold labors of the pioneers in this vast territory, have been their efforts to establish these and other institutions of learning, which, with the blessing of God, shall shed the light of science and religion over these shores for centuries to come.

The discovery of gold in California in 1848, produced an unsettled state of society in Oregon, very disastrous to the interests of the missions. The regular pursuits of life were sus—

pended, and nearly the whole male population rushed to the mines, and when the crowd of adventurers began to return, other causes were in operation to scatter the population over the country, so that but a small number in most cases can be reached by each missionary. Other laborers, however, have entered upon the field—Rev. Thomas Condon, in 1852, who is stationed at St. Helens, and Rev. Obed Dickenson at Salem. These brethren, with three others, whose names we have not been able to procure, and one new school Presbyterian, have formed themselves into a Congregational Association, and although these, with all their fellow-laborers of other Protestant denominations, can but ill supply the rapidly increasing population scattered along the shores of the Straits of De Fuca and Pugets Sound, amid the forests around the cascades of the Columbia, through the fertile valleys of the Cowlitz and the Willamette, on the banks of the Umpqua, and even to the boundary of California, they will cause many a region to shine in the light of truth, and exert an invaluable influence in moulding the character of this infant territory, and in laying the foundations of public order, intelligence and virtue.

## CALIFORNIA.

By the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ratified May 30, 1848, Mexico ceded to the United States the Province of Upper California. This event added a vast area to our national domain, and imposed a new responsibility on the Home Missionary Society, as the organ of the churches in supplying the destitute portions of our country with the means of grace. Two missionaries were therefore commissioned for California in the autumn of 1848.

Before they had embarked for their field of labor, the astounding announcement was received which turned toward that land the attention of the whole civilized world. The golden treasures which had slumbered from the Creation, awaiting the occupancy of the soil by a free Protestant people, were suddenly disclosed ; and from every civilized land, but most of all from our own shores, eager multitudes rushed to gather the golden harvest. Villages and cities sprang up, as by magic, along the river courses ; and from an obscure Mexican province, it leaped forth a full grown State.

To follow these self-exiled thousands with the institutions of the gospel, which should mold the discordant elements thus thrown upon those shores into the forms of organized and christian society, was the appropriate work and evident duty of the Home Missionary Society ; and although the treasury was empty, the Committee hesitated not to obey the summons, and in 1850 commissioned three additional laborers for this field. They were cordially received, and after a short period,

their support was assumed by the people to whom they ministered. God has signally prospered their labors. In San Francisco, San Jose, Marysville, and Nevada, flourishing churches have been gathered, and commodious houses of worship erected. Extensive tours for exploration and preaching have also been made in different parts of the country, specially in the mining districts. The missionaries, have also exerted a leading influence in restraining the prevalence of vice and crime—in creating an elevated and healthful public sentiment—in projecting educational enterprises—in diffusing general intelligence and religious truth, through the medium of the press ; in short, in every movement connected with laying the foundations of institutions which are destined to bless the unborn millions who are to people those shores.

In the month of July, 1849, the First Congregational Church was formed in this city, under the ministry of Rev. T. Dwight Hunt, its present pastor. In that early day, the population of the city numbered but a few hundreds ; and the congregation assembled for divine worship in a small building, situated on the southwest corner of Portsmouth Square. But the influx of population was so rapid, and buildings of every kind were so scarce, that the public necessity soon demanded this house, which had been built for a public school house) as a place of confinement for criminals. From about August of that year, till the following February, the congregation had no convenient place of assembling. At that time a chapel had been completed by them, sufficiently large to accommodate 200 persons and upwards. Early in the summer of the year following, 1850, Mr. Hunt was installed pastor of the church ; and ever since the place of worship has been well filled, and much of the time crowded to overflowing. In June, 1851, the building was exposed to the great fire, and was saved only by the greatest exertion. Plans for building a more commodious church were talked of as soon as the city began to recover from the depressing effects of the great fires of the year 1851 ; but none was fixed upon till about a year ago, when it was determined to erect a permanent brick church. It was a great

undertaking, but it was entered upon with a corresponding energy. The building is now up, and will have been, ere this, dedicated to divine worship. The society will be involved in a heavy debt; but it is within its own body, the means being furnished by a number of the congregation. There are few if any very wealthy men in this congregation, but the body of the society are young men of energy and perseverance. An organ is on the way for this church, and the audience room will be neat and tasteful. The house will hold when completed, from 1200, to 1500 persons. This will be the first permanent church edifice erected in the city.

In the summer of the same year, 1849, in a little village of cloth tents and flimsy houses and shops, pitched under the noble oaks, on the banks of the River Sacramento, another little church was formed under the ministry of Rev. J. A. Benton. The congregation met sometimes under the shade of one of the larger trees; and sometimes in a building, which, in other countries, would be called a *shed*, and which was afterwards a blacksmith's shop.

Amid the hurry and bustle and confusion of those days, the Sabbath was but little distinguished from other time. Very few took note of it. Noise and business and traffic characterised it. But when the town was all astir, and teams were coming and going, and boats and vessels were unloading, the little congregation might have been seen gathered in their accustomed place under the tree, or in the before mentioned building, to honor God as best they could, in public worship. It was a matter that attracted little attention and caused but few remarks. It interfered with nobody's schemes, though they who attended to such things as public worship at that time in California, were regarded as somewhat singular. The season of severe heat came on, and prostrated the health of their minister. He struggled against sickness for months, but was finally obliged, at the beginning of the rainy season, to leave for a change of climate. During that long and severe winter, 1849—50, the congregation was without a minister. But when spring returned, he went to his place again, with

health restored and strength revived. His little church gathered around him, his congregation assembled again, first in an upper room, while their present church edifice was building; and when that was done, (which was early in the summer of 1850,) their numbers were considerably enlarged. From that time the progress of the church has been marked with usefulness and success.

In the spring of the year 1851, Mr. Benton was ordained and installed pastor of the church; the only ordination service that has taken place in the State. The plain, pointed, and unshrinking manner in which the truth has there been preached ever since, has had a great influence in bringing about the marked change that has taken place in the morals of that community. And the influence of that church and congregation, now filling entirely their house of worship, exerts, and will exert a very important influence in carrying the work of reform to the desired result. The salutary progress has hitherto been silent and unheralded; but it has gone so far, that those who have least sympathy with it care not to speak disrespectfully of it.

When, last November, the entire city was wrapped in flames, and men, women, and children were obliged to flee for their lives at dead of night, and when, indeed, every other church in the city was in a blaze, the well directed efforts to save this one were blessed; and though apparently most exposed, it was as if the Omnipotent One had vouchsafed it protection, and commanded the raging element to do it no harm. And there it stands to this day, the only house of worship in the city, and there is the faithful sowing of the seed.

Two and a half years ago, news came down from the mountains that rich deposits of gold had been found in and along what was called Deer Creek. Multitudes flocked thither, and a settlement immediately sprung up along the banks of that stream. The mineral resources of the neighborhood continuing to be great, the place grew in size and became the centre of a thriving business. As in too many other instances, everything was taken there but moral principle. But that was so



far left behind, that order and decorum, sobriety, and a regard for the Sabbath, were little known. Into this rough but stirring scene of life Rev. J. H. Warren removed with his family in the spring of 1851. In six months from that time, he had by vigorous exertion secured the erection of the neat and comfortable church before mentioned, at a cost of \$5,600, all of which had been paid.

Six months after that, he was installed pastor of the Congregational Church worshipping in it; and he has continued his ministrations ever since to a congregation that value the gospel the more for being permitted to enjoy it while they dwell away in those rough and mountainous districts.

Rev. J. G. Hale is located in Grass Valley, four miles from Nevada. He has been there less than four months. He has a congregation worshipping in a Masonic Hall; and has a church building up and enclosed, and paid for thus far. It is a little larger than that at Nevada. This building will doubtless be completed and occupied in two months.

Rev. W. C. Pond has begun to gather a congregation in the northern part of this city. Two months ago, he commenced to get subscriptions for his building. It is up, finished in a neat and substantial manner with a bell, and nearly paid for, 60 feet by 32; and was dedicated June 27. Services interesting. House holds 300; and at least 100 went away, not being able to get in. This is not an indication of what his congregation will be, for Mr. Hunt and myself suspended our services to attend his. But he will soon gather a good congregation.

Rev. I. E. Benton is preaching at Mission Dolores, near San Francisco, but no particulars have been received of the state of the Mission.

While we rejoice that our own denomination has taken so early and useful a part in the great work of evangelizing this young and vigorous State, we thank God that other laborers have entered the field and are cultivating it with success.

While the harvest is so great and the laborers are so few, we hardly stay to ask where they have been trained, and in what way they will till the soil, if they do but go forth bearing the precious seed of gospel truth. We would heartily say—"Send by whom thou wilt send;"—"Here am I, send me;"—and then add the fervent prayer—"Now the Lord add unto them (how many soever they be) an hundred-fold," and 'that our eyes may see it.'

## C A N A D A .

The Congregational churches in Canada, have, with about eight or nine exceptions, risen into existence since the year 1836. This progress is mainly the fruit of the labors of the Colonial Missionary Society, in connection with the Congregational Union of England and Wales. At the same time not a little has been done in the way of increasing the number of churches by the existing churches themselves, and in this work they have been effectually aided by the liberality of the Christians in the United States. A large proportion of the churches now reported are partially dependent on missionary funds for the support of their pastors ; these funds are partly raised in England, partly in Canada, and almost annually some contributions are sought in the United States. In a large number of them, especially in Eastern Canada, there are a considerable number of members natives of the United States, or descendants of such.

Until the present year the churches in Eastern Canada, and as far West as Brockville, have been associated in one Union, and those West of that point in another. Their respective local missionary organizations were also distinct and separate ; but the whole have been recently brought together in one Union and one Missionary Society, under the names of the "Congregational Union of Canada," and the "Congregational Canadian Missionary Society." From eighteen to twenty of the existing pastors have been trained in the Theological Institution at Toronto, in which there are usually from six to nine students.

These churches have done a very important service to the religious interests of Canada, by diffusing correct ideas in relation to the nature of Christian fellowship, and in regard to the spiritual nature of our Lord's Kingdom. They were never more effective than at the present time.

# STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

## CANADA EAST.

| Churches.                         | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.           | Out-<br>Stations. | Average<br>Hearers. |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Abbottsford,                      |                 | 30       | } Rev. N. McLeod,    | 2                 | 100                 |
| Granby,                           |                 | 80       |                      |                   | 250                 |
| St. Andrews,                      |                 | 25       | Vacant,              |                   | 100                 |
| Broome & Cowansville,             |                 | 25       | D. Connell,          |                   | 100                 |
| Durham,                           |                 | 60       | D. Dunkerley,        |                   | 100                 |
| Danville, Shipton,                |                 | 84       | A. J. Parker.        |                   | 180                 |
| Eaton,                            |                 | 68       | E. J. Sherrell,      |                   | 120                 |
| English River, Wil-<br>liamstown, |                 | 20       | } Vacant,            |                   |                     |
| Inverness,                        |                 | 60       |                      |                   | 150                 |
| Hawkesbury, C. W.                 |                 | 50       | Vacant,              | 2                 | 200                 |
| Indian Lands, "                   |                 | 60       | J. McKillican,       | 3                 | 520                 |
| Melbourne,                        |                 | 40       | T. Bayne,            | 3                 | 200                 |
| Montreal, Zion ch.                |                 | 212      | H. Wilkes, D. D.,    |                   | 500                 |
| " Gosford-st.                     |                 | 65       | F. H. Marling,       |                   | 180                 |
| Philipsburgh,                     |                 | 40       | J. Buckham,          |                   | 150                 |
| Potton,                           |                 |          | Vacant,              |                   |                     |
| Russeltown,                       |                 | 65       | H. Lancashire,       |                   | 120                 |
| Sherbrooke,                       |                 | 60       | J. Robertson,        | 2                 | 350                 |
| Stanstead,                        |                 | 40       | R. V. Hall,          |                   | 150                 |
| Quebec,*                          |                 | 54       | W. H. Hugh de Burgh, |                   | 150                 |

Twenty churches, two of them being just over the border in Western Canada; 14 ministers; 1138 members, or about this number; 3620 hearers, probably many more.

\* The interest felt in this Church by many into whose hands this volume will come, may justify, if not demand, a note. Its healthy infancy and vigorous youth gave promise of a growth which has not yet been realized; but its importance is not to be measured by its numbers. Standing on the frontier of the Province, it receives from none of the other churches,—it contributes to almost all; so that while many have been brought into its fellowship, its membership has remained comparatively small. Within five years of its formation, "a Quebec church" might have been gathered in its rival sister city, with half as many members as itself now numbers, while its representatives might have been found in New Brunswick, in several States of the Union, and in "the Old Country," as well as in Western Canada. Like a mountain upon which the precious rains have descended, the effects of which are to be seen not so much upon its rugged sides as in the plains beneath, into which it has sent its wandering streams.

At its formation it was the only Church in the city professing to restrict its membership to converted persons. This, and yet more, the strong attachment to the English and Scotch "Established churches," occasioned silent but strong opposition which, however,

## CANADA WEST.

| Churches.                | Organ-<br>ized. | Members. | Ministers.        | Out-<br>stations. | Average<br>Hence s. |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Albion & Bolton Village, |                 | 17       | J. Wheeler,       | 3                 | 160                 |
| Bowmanville,             |                 | 61       | } J. Climie,      |                   |                     |
| Millville,               |                 | 10       |                   |                   | 200                 |
| Newcastle,               |                 | 11       |                   |                   |                     |
| Belleville,              |                 | 25       | H. D. Powis,      |                   | 200                 |
| Brantford,               |                 | 60       | John Wood,        |                   | 200                 |
| Brock, (Gaelic),         |                 |          | Vacant,           |                   |                     |
| Brockville,              |                 | 18       | J. Fraser,        |                   | 40                  |
| Burford and Paris,       |                 | 12       | J. Vincent,       |                   | 200                 |
| Caledon,                 |                 | 50       | Vacant,           |                   | 160                 |
| Cobourg,                 |                 | 55       | Thomas Snell,     |                   | 100                 |
| Cold Springs,            |                 | 75       | William Hayden,   | 2                 | 170                 |
| Colpoy's Bay, (Indian),  |                 |          | L. Kribs,         |                   |                     |
| Darlington,              |                 |          | J. Climie,        |                   |                     |
| Drummondville, Pres.     |                 |          | } Thomas Rattray, |                   |                     |
| pastor Cong.             |                 |          |                   |                   |                     |
| Erramosa,                |                 | 50       | } J. Williams,    | 3                 | 300                 |
| Hillsburgh,              |                 | 11       |                   |                   |                     |
| Esquensing,              |                 |          | Vacant,           |                   |                     |
| " Centre,                |                 |          | H. Denny,         |                   |                     |
| Georgetown,              |                 |          | J. Unsworth,      |                   |                     |
| Glanford,                |                 |          | T. Finton,        |                   |                     |
| Hamilton,                |                 | 53       | E. Ebbs.          |                   | 110                 |
| Kingston,                |                 | 50       | K. M. Fenwick,    |                   | 250                 |
| Lanark,                  |                 | 70       | R. K. Black,      | 1                 | 300                 |
| London,                  |                 | 62       | W. F. Clarke,     |                   | 150                 |
| Markham,                 |                 | 40       | James Hay,        |                   | 150                 |
| Martintown,              |                 |          | J. McKillican,    |                   |                     |
| Newmarket,               |                 |          | Thomas Baker,     |                   |                     |
| Norwood & Asphodel,      |                 | 12       | } T. Searight,    |                   | 190                 |
| Clairville,              |                 | 6        |                   |                   |                     |
| Norwich,                 |                 |          | Vacant,           |                   |                     |
| Nottawassaga,            |                 |          | N. McKinnon,      |                   |                     |
| Oakland,                 |                 |          | W. Hay,           |                   |                     |
| Oakville and Trafalgar,  |                 |          | Vacant.           |                   |                     |

like its deep snows, melted and disappeared. A commodious and substantial building was erected and paid for, except the ground on which it stood, and so well attended as to promise permanent prosperity; but the removal of the Government offices—the failure of health and removal of its first pastor—the sudden death of his successor by cholera—the devastation of two-thirds of the city by the two fires, and the repeated and long continued deprivations of pastoral oversight, have tried the faith and courage of its friends. But the dark clouds have broken away, and the sun now shines again—the precursor, it is hoped, of revived life and more abundant fruitfulness. The solid and beautiful church has been repaired and adorned, and the labors of its present pastor appear to be blessed. May their peace and prosperity be like the noble river which flows beneath them—increasing in breadth and power in all its course.

## CANADA WEST.—Continued.

| Churches.                               | Organ-<br>ized. | Members | Ministers.   | Out-<br>stations. | Average<br>Hearers. |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Orò, Innisfil, and Argus<br>Settlement, |                 | 39      | A. Raymond,  |                   | 150                 |
| Port Sarnia,                            |                 | 15      |              |                   |                     |
| Plympton,                               |                 | 16      | J. Armour,   |                   | 200                 |
| Moore's,                                |                 | 31      |              |                   |                     |
| Port Stanley,                           |                 | 21      | W. Allworth, |                   | 100                 |
| Scotland,                               |                 | 90      | William Hay, | 2                 | 250                 |
| Simcoe,                                 |                 | 34      | G. Ritchie,  | 2                 | 140                 |
| Southwold,                              |                 |         | J. Silcox,   |                   |                     |
| Swackhammers,                           |                 |         | Vacant,      |                   |                     |
| Stouffville,                            |                 | 76      | J. Durrant,  | 2                 | 200                 |
| Stratford,                              |                 | 13      | S. Snider,   |                   | 80                  |
| Toronto, Adelaide-st.                   |                 |         | J. Roaf,     |                   |                     |
| " Richmond-st.                          |                 |         | Vacant,      |                   |                     |
| Vaughan,                                |                 |         | — Jupp,      |                   |                     |
| Warwick,                                |                 | 25      | D. McCallum, |                   | 60                  |
| Whitby,                                 |                 |         | J. T. Byrne, |                   |                     |

Total, 52 churches, 37 ministers, about 1,600 members, and above 6,000 hearers.

*Without Pastoral Charge.*—Adam Lillie, Professor Divinity, Philosophy, &c., Arthur Wickson, A. M., Professor Classics and Hebrew, Toronto Theological Institute; A. Geikie, Toronto; Wm. Clarke, Simcoe, Agent of French Canadian Missionary Society; Hiram Wilson, St. Catharines, Missionary to Colored population; R. S. Ward, Toronto; S. King, Hamilton.

THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION, of Canada, will meet D. V. in Zion Church, Montreal, on the second Wednesday of June, 1854, at 4 o'clock P. M.



## ZION CHURCH, MONTREAL.

PASTOR, REV. HENRY WILKES, D. D.

The wood cut affords a good representation of the church building occupied by the First Congregational Church, Montreal. It was erected at a cost, including the price of the land, of twenty-five thousand dollars, and was dedicated in November, 1846. The church was organized in July, 1832, under the pastoral care of the Rev. Richard Miles, formerly missionary at Capetown, South Africa, in connection with the London Missionary Society. During the few years of his pastorate, a neat building was erected by the congregation, in St. Maurice street, capable of seating, without galleries, 350 persons.

In October, 1836, the present pastor began his regular labors among the people, taking in connection therewith, the agency of the Colonial Missionary Society, at first for the whole and

afterwards for a part of Canada ; for which twofold object he left his sphere of labor in Great Britain, and proceeded to Canada. As a consequence the history of this church has been linked intimately with the progress of the Congregational cause in Canada East, and the eastern portion of Canada West. Eight of its members have gone into the Christian ministry ; the survivors of whom are now actively laboring in some part of the Lord's Vineyard.

In a few years after Dr. Wilkes' entrance upon the pastorate, galleries were erected in the church, and other improvements made ; and, moreover, the debt was paid off early in 1843. The second church was formed of members of this church, amicably leaving for the purpose, under the pastorate of Rev. J. J. Carters, D. D., now of Portland, Maine. The place being incapable of enlargement, and there being no room left for extension, it was determined to erect a new, more commodious and larger edifice, and to dispose of that in St. Maurice street. As one of the pews were sold, but the property was that of the church this could be legally effected with ease. An eligible site was purchased on Beaver-Hall Hill, and the present church building erected. It seats with ease 1100 persons. There is a little peculiarity about its management which ought to be stated. No one has individually any right of property in the building ; it belongs to the aggregate body, the Church, the members of which only have any vote in relation to it. The seats within the building *are free to all*. This was deemed important because of the great influx of strangers to the city from time to time, who are often deterred from attending a place of worship from fear of incommoding regular attendants. It is therefore prominently laid down as a rule, that strangers have as much right as ordinary occupants to enter any pew in the building. And to make this abundantly clear, there are no pew rents. Yet it was not deemed well to have families unnecessarily inconvenienced, therefore with the above understanding, such portions of pews as they could occupy were allocated to families and individuals. The support of the institution, as a whole, including pastor's salary, interest of debt, and general current expenses,



are provided for by *weekly* voluntary contributions. Parties put down their names for so much per week ; a convenient mode of paying it is provided, and they bring it up to the house of the Lord every Lord's day, 1 Cor. 16 : 2. Seven years experience has proved to this church that sufficient funds for all the above purposes are more easily and cheerfully raised this way than by the old method of pew rents and subscriptions. The contributions are thus not in proportion to the space occupied, for sometimes a poor man occupies a large space with his family, while a rich man has no family to bring to God's house ; but they are designed to be in accordance with apostolic rule, " As God hath prospered you." Four years ago the debt on the building was eighteen thousand dollars ; at the close of the present year it will probably stand eight thousand.

During the present year, Zion Church has been linked in historical associations with the melancholy massacre of the 9th of June. Under its roof Gavazzi lectured. Against its strong stone walls a Popish mob came with shouts of hate, and acts of outrage and violence ; and in front of it respectable and unoffending citizens were shot down, under circumstances the most mysterious and extraordinary conceivable. To this hour inexplicable mystery hangs like a funeral pall around that catastrophe.

## ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.\*

\* [The following paper was received from Rev. T. M. Post, after subsequent pages were in type, and is inserted on account of the deep and wide-spread interest felt in the movement it describes.]

The First Trinitarian Congregational Church, of St. Louis—supposed to be the only one in active existence in the State of Missouri—originated less than two years since, from the Third Presbyterian Church of St. Louis; a large portion of which thought that, by adopting the Congregational organization, they would both increase their own usefulness, and meet an obvious want of the city; which—with all ecclesiastical forms from Mormonism to Papacy, embraced within it and with its population of an hundred thousand, many of them originally from Congregational connexions—had not a single Congregational Church within its limits. It was decided by a vote of sixty-two to twenty-four of the church members, and embracing a larger proportion of the pecuniary support of the church, to make the proposed change. The church property which was only sufficient to pay to private stockholders about 80 per cent. of their investment, was purchased by the majority, all who wished to withdraw being paid for their stock at a higher valuation than the majority who purchased, offered to sell their own. The church was organized with the announced purpose of erecting a new place of worship in a situation more central and favorable for the new enterprise, and more convenient for those who wished to engage in it. Twenty thousand dollars were subscribed for this purpose before the organization, and a lot in the most pleasant

portion of the city has since been purchased for \$13,000. Failure to effect an anticipated loan at the East, and an unwillingness to bring a heavy debt on an infant church, have induced a delay in building. But notwithstanding the disadvantage of this delay, which is felt to be a serious one, and notwithstanding antagonistic influences of various kinds attaching to it in its early history, the church has had a steady and healthful growth in strength and numbers and general prosperity.

The church was organized in March, 1852, with twenty-five members. It now numbers 129.

It has had thus far great internal harmony, no cases of discipline, and has enjoyed one revival of religion. It has in it a large corps of Christian young men, who are active in the various enterprises of the city. Its Sabbath school has twenty four teachers and one hundred and thirty pupils. In addition to its contribution to the general objects of Christian charity, it sustains a city Missionary.

## CONGREGATIONALISM IN CHICAGO, ILL.\*

Under the impression that once so generally prevailed, that Congregationalism could not or ought not to exist in the U. S. out of New England, no effort was made to plant the system of the Pilgrim Fathers in what is now the principal city of the North-west. Presbyterianism was allowed to take entire possession of the ground, and appropriate to itself all the elements of Congregationalism there. The First Presbyterian Church was founded in connection with the labors of a Congregational minister, (Rev. Jeremiah Porter, now of Green Bay,) in March, 1833, and was composed, with the exception of one individual, of those who were members of Congregational Churches, and that individual is now a deacon in the First Congregational Church of Chicago. The Church grew rapidly with the growth of the city, embodying in itself all the Presbyterianism and Congregationalism of the place, (the latter having always been by far the largest.) Subsequently a second and a third Presbyterian Church were formed, in connection with the New School body, and ultimately, also, an Old School organization, a large portion of the materials of the latter being also Congregational.

It was not until 1851 that any movement was made to establish Congregationalism on a distinctive basis; and it was then by a forced process on the part of the Presbyterians that it was brought into being.

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\* Received too late to insert in its proper place, and is here necessarily abbreviated.

THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHICAGO was organized on the 22d of May, 1851, by a council called for the purpose. *Forty-eight* persons assented to the Articles of Faith and entered into covenant with God and each other.

They erected a plain house of worship, which was subsequently burned. Arrangements are in progress for building a new and handsome house during 1854, at a cost of upwards of \$15,000. The membership has increased to more than one hundred, and the prospects of the Society are every way encouraging.

In Dec. 1852, a council assembled pursuant to letters missive, and organized the "PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHICAGO," most of the members of which were from the First Presbyterian Church. They erected a house of worship which was dedicated in February, 1853. The present membership is about eighty, and having a central and eligible location there is every prospect of a large and speedy increase. A call has been extended to and accepted by Rev. N. H. Eggleston, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to become the pastor.

In March 1853, arrangements were made for the purchase of the establishment of the *Prairie Herald*, a religious newspaper published in Chicago, and for securing the services of Rev. J. C. Holbrook, of Dubuque, as editor of the CONGREGATIONAL HERALD, which was to succeed it; and also to gather a new church of which he should be the minister. The new paper was issued in April 1853, and has been steadily increasing in circulation and influence, and has already accomplished much for the spread and permanent establishment of Congregationalism in Chicago and the North-west.

In June 1853, a third Congregational Church was organized in the north division of the city, in connection with the labors of Mr. H., by a council convened for the purpose, called the NEW ENGLAND CHURCH. They have erected a neat, though temporary house of worship, at an expense, including the lot, of about \$5,000, and there is every encouragement for the expectation of growth and prosperity.

In April also of the same year, Rev. E. F. Dickinson commenced his labors in the southern section of the city, and as the result a *fourth* Congregational Church was formed in November, in the vicinity of the American Car Company's works. A house of worship has been erected, and regular services are sustained on the Sabbath. Mr. D. also preaches once every Sabbath at another point in the southern division of the city, where a house of worship has been built and a church is expected to be organized.

Thus it will be seen, that Congregationalism, although but little more than two years old in Chicago, has become a "fixed fact" there, and its churches are numbered among the permanent institutions of the flourishing and growing "Garden City." It is surprising that it had existence there no sooner, since the American portion of the population is almost exclusively of eastern origin, and the great majority of the number, and the principal wealth and efficiency of the Presbyterian Churches are really Congregational. Had the First Presbyterian Church been established on the platform of Congregationalism as it should have been, that system would have been predominant in the city. The present prospects are, that, notwithstanding the disadvantages under which it has been introduced, it will soon take the prominent and influential position to which it is entitled, and become one of the most efficient instrumentalities in the city for the promotion of the Gospel, as it already has in the interior of the North-west, where it early took root, and has ever held its proper place.

## CONGREGATIONALISM IN NEW-YORK.

The rise of Congregationalism in the City of New York dates properly from the formation of the present BROADWAY TABERNACLE CHURCH. Previous to that time there had existed in the city a few feeble Congregational churches, some of which hardly lived long enough to have a history, or even a name. These enterprises, however wisely planned, were frustrated by unforeseen circumstances, partly through a misconception of the principles of Congregationalism in the community at large, partly from the general failure of the "Free Church" movement, with which some of these were identified, but mainly in consequence of those extraordinary commercial crises, which, within the last twenty years, have involved many of the leading Christian merchants of New York in pecuniary embarrassment and ruin.

The Broadway Tabernacle Church was organized September 3, 1840. The building known as the Broadway Tabernacle, was erected in 1836 for the accommodation of a Free Church, under the pastoral character of Rev. Charles G. Finney; but Mr. Finney was soon dismissed from this charge in consequence of ill health, and after several changes in the pastoral office and in its organic structure, the church was disbanded in July, 1840, the Tabernacle having been previously sold at auction under foreclosure of mortgage. At this sale, Mr. DAVID HALE, then a member of the church worshipping in the building, purchased the Tabernacle entirely upon his own responsibility, and forthwith announced that it would continue to be open for public worship,

in accordance with the usages of the Congregational churches of New England. Mr. Hale had for some time felt the desirableness of having in New York a large and central church, in which the sons of the Puritans could find the faith, the worship, and the ecclesiastical order of their fathers, and he invited all persons friendly to such an organization, to unite with him in forming a Congregational Church. About seventy persons entered into such an organization, under the name of the *Broadway Tabernacle Church*. In the first year of its existence, 114 were added to this church, and in the second year, 130, of whom 60 united upon profession of their faith. More than 1000 members have been enrolled upon the catalogue of the church, and notwithstanding the changes by removal and by death, so frequent in New York, it maintains an average of about four hundred resident members.

The Tabernacle Church, at its formation, made the following declaration as the fundamental principle of Church organization :—

“ A CHRISTIAN CHURCH, we understand properly to be, and we accordingly declare this church to be, an association of professed believers in Christ for mutual watchfulness, for the enjoyment of Christian ordinances, and the maintenance of the worship of God.”

This appears to have been the first formal declaration of the principles of Congregationalism, by an organized body in the city of New York. But the prosperity of the Tabernacle Church demonstrated that Congregationalism could flourish upon this soil, and awakened the numerous friends of this system of church polity—the sons of New England residing in New York and Brooklyn—to the importance of forming churches in their several neighborhoods, in which they could worship God after the manner of their fathers. The first impulse to the organization of those churches in the two cities, which now give to Congregationalists a position relatively as strong as that of any other denomination of Christians, was given by the enterprise and the pecuniary contributions of Mr. Hale, and by the success of the Tabernacle Church.



In the original movement, Mr. Hale stood almost entirely alone. When he purchased the Tabernacle, his private resources were limited, money was worth two per cent. a month, and property and credit were at the lowest ebb. His connection with the Tabernacle was widely misunderstood and misrepresented. What he did for the glory of God and the promotion of Christian truth, liberty, activity and love, was ascribed to the most narrow and selfish motives. Having bought the house entirely on his own responsibility, at a time when this involved no ordinary risk, and having given on account of the purchase his own notes to a large amount, he was obliged to open the house quite freely to public uses, in order that the income from these lettings might pay the interest on loans and mortgages, ground rent, and other current expenses, in all exceeding four thousand dollars. In so doing, Mr. Hale sometimes allowed the Tabernacle to be used for purposes which were disapproved by the church and the Christian community, and as neither the extent of his obligations, nor his agreement to surrender his property to the church at cost, were generally known, the impression went abroad that he rented the building for the sake of gain, and was deriving a handsome income from worldly amusements. This greatly scandalized some good people, and furnished his political and personal enemies with an inexhaustible fund of satire and abuse. All this he bore good-naturedly, knowing that in due time the whole matter would be understood. He had some peculiar notions as to the purposes for which such a building as the Tabernacle should be used, but he was ever ready to regard the wishes of his brethren in the church, even when he had entire control of the building. For several years he had the sole management of the property, renting it as he had opportunity for public purposes, and transacting all the business pertaining thereto, for none of which services did he ever receive a single cent for his own benefit. As soon as the new church was organized, Mr. Hale leased the Tabernacle to the ecclesiastical society or congregation, for ten years, at an annual rent of one thousand dollars. By the terms of this lease the congregation were to have the exclusive use

of the audience chamber on the Sabbath, and of the lecture room and other apartments during the week, and to receive all the revenue from pew rents and collections, they defraying their own expenses, and Mr. Hale reserving the right to let the building for miscellaneous purposes during the week, and engaging to meet all the expenses of the property. It was further stipulated that at any time within the ten years, the Broadway Tabernacle Society might purchase the property at cost, interest included, and that the net income of the building in the interim should constitute a sinking fund for such purchase. Thus Mr. Hale voluntarily put it out of his power ever to realize one dollar from what might have proved a most lucrative investment. He bought the Tabernacle at his own risk, intending that the property by its earnings should, as it were, redeem itself for the perpetual use and benefit of a Congregational church. An act so disinterested, is hardly credited by a selfish world. Some sinister motive is ever suspected by those who know not what it is to forego self-interest for the glory of God.

In March, 1845, the Broadway Tabernacle Society purchased the building of Mr. Hale, Mr. Thompson having made this a condition of accepting their call to become their pastor. The property is now owned by the Society, is almost free from encumbrance, and has more than doubled in value. Few churches have been more truly prospered than this.

## THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS, BROOKLYN.

(SEE FRONTISPICE.)

THE CHURCH OF THE PILGRIMS commenced its existence as an organized body on the the 22d day of December, 1844. The Ecclesiastical Society connected with it was legally constituted on the 24th of the same month.

With few exceptions these were composed, as they still are to a great extent, either of emigrants from New England, or of those whose ancestors were of the Puritan stock. Most of the individuals associated in the formation of the church, had been previously connected with societies of the Presbyterian Church; but though united thus with another communion, and happy in their relations to it, engaged in its interests, edified by its ordinances and ministrations, and attached to its clergy, they retained an undiminished regard for the institutions of ecclesiastical order with which they had been previously familiar, which were endeared to them by their associations with parental piety, and whose influences were seen to be identified with all that is noblest in the history of New England.

And this regard for the principles and practices of the Congregational order, was thoroughly revived by the discussions on Church government, which in the years 1843-'4 attracted such general attention in the commercial metropolis, and throughout the country. Many were led to feel, in the progress of those discussions, that the institutions to which they had been attached by outward and traditional associations, rather than by conviction, possessed intrinsic claims on their affection and respect; that the Congregational system, as expounded by its standards,

and as essentially embodied in the usages of the New England Churches, was the most remote of all systems from that hierarchical Episcopacy whose pretensions in their judgment had become excessive ; that it preserved a simplicity and self-consistency, in its principles and methods, which others wanted ; that it realized more nearly than they the primitive and Scriptural idea of the Church and its ministry ; that in its practical applications it would avoid certain tendencies or liabilities to difficulty believed to be inherent in them, and would tend more fully to unfold the graces of Christians, and to develope and augment the energies of the Church.

It was perceived, also, that a church modelled substantially after the New England pattern would attract some to its worship who otherwise, through prejudice against the Presbyterian discipline or history, might be drawn into communions essentially diverse from that of their Fathers ; and it was hoped that a society in Brooklyn which should welcome to a familiar altar the enterprising young men coming thither, year by year, from the cities and villages of the East, would be an instrument to them of eternal good, proving the birth-place of their souls.

Nor was the belief wanting that churches which should represent fully the polity of New England in the recognized metropolis of the country, and which should demonstrate the practicability of establishing that polity upon a soil for which it had been pronounced unfitted, might do much, by example as well as by direct effort, to spread throughout the land the principles of the Pilgrims, and without detriment to other departments of the Church to establish and extend Congregational liberty.

Under these circumstances, and with these views, an orthodox church of some kind having become needful in the central part of the city, to supply the wants of a rapidly increasing population, it was determined, after repeated consultations and prayer for Divine direction, to commence at once the needful preliminary measures for the erection of a suitable edifice, and the organization in due time of a Congregational Church.

The first meeting of individuals interested in this enterprise, was held on the evening of January 25th, 1844. The night was

cold and inclement, and only a few persons were present. There was, however, no loss of zeal and no discouragement among the few who had collected. The meeting was organized, a committee was designated to draft a plan for subscriptions, the time was fixed for another assembling, and all resolved to enlist others in the new undertaking.

From that time the work went steadily forward. Subscriptions were secured to an amount which it was estimated would cover the total cost of the land, the building, the organ, and the whole furniture of the house ; a suitable site was selected and purchased, the contracts were made, and the erection of the edifice commenced. Its corner stone was laid July 2, 1844, in presence of a large assembly. Rev. W. B. Lewis, of the Third Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, offered the introductory prayer ; Rev. S. H. Cox, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church, delivered an eloquent and appropriate address ; and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Brodhead, of the Central Reformed Dutch Church.

For several months after the commencement of their enterprise, and until the edifice to be occupied by them was measurably completed, the individuals engaged in the establishment of the new church, remained in the societies with which they were connected, and heartily discharged therein their several duties. But on the evening of the 22d December, the two hundred and twenty-fourth anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth, seventy-one persons assented publicly to Articles of Faith, entered into covenant with each other and with God, and were recognized by a council as a church of Christ.

From that time until the present, the progress of the Church in numbers and in strength, and, it is hoped, also in piety and Christian efficiency, has been steady though gradual.

In June, 1846, a unanimous call was presented by the Church and Society to Rev. RICHARD S. STORRS, Jr., of Brookline, Mass., to become their pastor ; and in November of that year, the call having been renewed, he accepted it, and was installed.

In June, 1847, nine of the members of the Church, including several who had been actively interested in it from its com-

ment, were dismissed, at their own request, to unite with others in establishing the Plymouth Church, which was organized soon after. The Church has also given, of its members and means, to the formation or the strengthening of other churches in Brooklyn and its vicinity ; and its members have seen the denominational interest which, with the single exception of the Tabernacle church in New York, was so insignificant at the commencement of their enterprise, assuming rapidly a strength and character not to have been anticipated, and at which they have themselves been often surprised.

Soon after the institution of regular Sabbath services in the lecture room of the Church, a Sabbath School was commenced, for the systematic instruction of the youth of the congregation, and it has continued with increasing interest to the present time. It numbers more than two hundred upon the list of its pupils, with an average attendance of a hundred and sixty, and many of the members of the Church are energetically enlisted in it. Several have been led, it is hoped, to commence the Christian life under its instructions.

Immediately after the complete organization of the Church, by the installation of its pastor, a schedule was adopted of monthly contributions for objects of Christian benevolence, and collections have since been annually made in accordance with it. These have already amounted, in the aggregate, to from fifty to sixty thousand dollars.

From the moment at which the enterprise of establishing a Congregational Church in Brooklyn, began to assume a definite form in the thoughts of its projectors, it had been a favorite element in their plan, that the edifice to be erected for it should be encumbered by no debt. It was supposed at the outset, that \$25,000 would amply suffice ; and when it was found that this sum must be exceeded in order to complete it in the manner desired, the needed increase of funds was regularly and carefully secured, before the alteration was decided upon. But when the whole was completed, it was found that owing to unforeseen delays and expenditures, and the changes which had been gradually made in the original plan, the entire cost of the edifice had

been \$65,000 ; and that a debt remained upon it, after all that had been paid, of \$18,000. It was felt that the original design would never be completed, or the highest prosperity and energy of the Society be secured, until this was removed. Accordingly, in January 1848, measures were adopted for its liquidation ; and before April of the same year, the whole amount was subscribed, within the Society, and the property released from every incumbrance. A secure basis was thus established for permanent pecuniary prosperity ; the original design in regard to the enterprise, was in this respect completely realized ; and the Society now shows year by year a regular balance in its treasury. It is also accumulating, gradually, a choice and ample Pastoral Library.

There are now connected with the Church more than four hundred members. The usual attendance on the Sabbath worship numbers a thousand. Two seasons of general religious inquiry and interest have been enjoyed during the last seven years ; and few communions have passed without some persons presenting themselves for union with the Church on profession of their faith.

In view of all the progress of the Church thus far, of its present position and strength, and of the prospects for usefulness that are evidently opening before it, its members feel that they have abundant reason for gratitude and hope, though also for humility. Through many scenes, of expectation and disappointment, of confidence and of patience, the hand of God has led them up, to a point where their numbers are comparatively large, their means of usefulness ample, and their visible influence extensive and enlarging. To Him, they would render all the praise. Upon Him, they would rely for wisdom and for grace. And in His strength they would go joyfully forth, to the labors, the trials, and as they trust the Christian successes, of the inviting Future.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, ALBANY.**

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**REV. RAY PALMER, D. D., PASTOR.**

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In the early part of the year 1850, an Association of gentlemen connected with different congregations in the city, purchased the house of worship then recently vacated by the First Presbyterian Church, with a view to the establishment of a new religious Society, together with a Church of the faith and order of the Pilgrim Fathers of New England. This step was taken from a conviction that there was need of another Church ; and it was hoped, that one Congregational in its form, while it would meet the wishes and the sympathies of numerous families of New England origin already in the city, or removing into it from time to time, might also have a happy influence, as a new religious element in the general system of instrumentalities before established, for the advancement of the cause of Christ. The house thus secured, was opened for public worship on the first Sabbath in April.

On the 10th of July following, eighty-one persons, dismissed by letter from other communions, were duly organized by an ecclesiastical council assembled for the purpose, as the First Congregational Church in Albany. The services were deeply interesting, and an able and instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Bacon, of New Haven.

In the course of the succeeding autumn, the Church and congregation invited the Rev. Dr. Palmer, then minister of the Third Congregational Church in Bath, Me., to become their Pastor. The call was accepted ; and on the 10th of December Dr. Palmer was installed by council with the usual services, Rev. E. N. Kirk, of Boston, preaching the sermon. The organization of the enterprise was thus completed, and those who had enlisted in it, had the satisfaction of seeing their place of worship



occupied, almost at once, by a large congregation, and of believing, from many indications, that God was pleased to smile on their humble efforts to do good.

During these first three years of its existence, one hundred and twenty-one have been added to the Church—a very large part of them on profession of their faith. Forty-three children have been offered for baptism. There are at present upwards of two hundred members of the Sabbath School and Bible Classes, and the weekly prayer meetings are well sustained. It is gratefully to be acknowledged, that the presence of the divine Spirit has been indicated almost from the beginning, by a succession of serious inquirers, and of hopeful conversions unto Christ. United and peaceful within itself, the Church has also the kindest relations to the sister churches of the city.

The history of the Church edifice is not without an interest. It has long been known as the "Old Brick," and has always been rather a favorite with the community. It was erected in 1769. The now venerable Dr. Nott, of Union College, was installed as Pastor in it in 1798. His successors have been, Dr. Romeyn, afterwards Pastor of the Cedar Street Church, New York, Dr. Wm. Neil, Rev. A. J. Stansbury, Rev. Henry R. Weed, and Dr. John N. Campbell, the present accomplished Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Its walls have echoed to a vast number of able and eloquent discourses, and within them many refreshing influences of the Spirit have been enjoyed; so that it is not strange that pleasant and almost sacred associations should be connected with the place in the minds of many, who have been familiar with it from their childhood.

During the last summer the Old Brick was closed eleven weeks for repairs. It has been very greatly improved both within and without. The old pulpit, with its appendages, has given place to one more modern and tasteful in its style. The fronts of the galleries have been lowered, and the entire interior newly painted and furnished, and on the whole, this fine old Church now ranks among the most pleasant, commodious, and cheerful looking places of worship in the city.





PLYMOUTH CHURCH. ROCHESTER, N. Y.



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## THE PLYMOUTH CHURCH, ROCHESTER.

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During the last few years the different religious denominations of Rochester have manifested a special interest in the subject of the increase and improvement of church edifices. The necessity for their multiplication has been evident, from the rapid increase of the population, and the almost complete suspension of enterprises of this nature for many years. Accordingly several of the more flourishing denominations of the city, have within a recent period, engaged in earnest in this work, affording evidence in the results, of a creditable christian liberality and providence.

At such a time, with an awakened and general interest in the subject, the crisis seemed favorable for CONGREGATIONALISTS to combine for a similar object. An effort was therefore commenced, and is steadily progressing, designed to introduce into this city the orthodox Congregational polity of New England.

The corner stone of "*The Plymouth Church of Rochester*," was laid on Thursday, September 8th, 1853, by the Rev. O. E. Daggett, D. D., of Canandaigua, a large concourse of people being present. The following clergymen also took part in the ceremonies: Rev. W. G. Howard, of the Second Baptist Church; Rev. J. B. Shaw, D. D., Brick Pres. Ch.; Rev. A. C. George, First Methodist Ch.; Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, First Pres. Ch., Rochester, and Rev. J. H. Dill, Cong. Ch., Spencerport.

The Church is eligibly and centrally situated on the corner of Troup and Sophia Streets, and the accompanying engraving proves that it will be substantial and attractive.

The dimensions of the building are as follows :

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| Length of outside, exclusive of tower and buttresses,    | 137 feet. |
| Height to the top of the cornice,                        | 35 "      |
| Square of the tower, including the walls and buttresses, | 30 "      |
| Height of the tower, including the spire,                | 225 "     |

In the rear, and forming part of the main building, is a Lecture-room, 35 feet by 77.

The Church is built in the Norman style of architecture, from plans by Merwin Austin, Esq., Architect.

The Association who have undertaken this work, design forming a Congregational organization, as soon as the state of the building will admit of its being used for public worship.



It is with great reluctance that we defer to another volume of the Year-Book, an account of the Church of the Puritans, New York, and the Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. It was hoped that both edifices would appear—the one in its external beauty, the other in its interior grandeur, as filled with its compact masses—in engravings equal to those of the Church of the Pilgrims, and the Plymouth Church of Rochester ; but these, with a history of their growth and success, as well as other interesting matter, the size of this volume, and the want of time, compel us to omit. We therefore reluctantly conclude this part of our work with a very brief account of

#### THE CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF

#### NEW-YORK AND BROOKLYN.

The first Congregational Association in the city of New-York, was organized in 1825, under the name of "The New-York Independent Association," which was subsequently changed to "The New-York Congregational Association," or as it was frequently called by abbreviation, "The New-York Association." This body at one time had between twenty and

thirty members, gathered from a wide circuit in South-Eastern New-York and in New Jersey.

Several years later, another association was formed under the title of "The New-York City Association ;" but there being no occasion for the existence of two similar bodies in the city, a convention of Congregational ministers, and of delegates from Congregational churches in Southern New-York, Long Island and New Jersey, was held in January, 1837, at which it was resolved to form a new association under the name of "The New-York Congregational Association," the second organization under that title. This body was composed chiefly of the members of the first New-York Association, the New-York City Association, and the Long Island Association, all which consequently became extinct. The new association was quite respectable in numbers, although the churches connected with it were comparatively few and feeble,—and it was represented annually in the General Association of the State.

But, in the year 1842, this body was accused before the General Association of error in doctrine, and a neglect of discipline ; and in the year following, the General Association, having failed to receive satisfaction through a committee appointed to examine the charges, resolved that, unless the New-York Congregational Association would investigate "certain things touching the character and standing" of one of its members, and also purge itself from certain alleged errors in relation to the doctrine of "sinless perfection," said Association should be "regarded as out of fellowship" with the General Association, "as an ecclesiastical body." This resolution was to take effect at the close of the current year. The New-York Association, at its meeting at Poughkeepsie, in October, 1843, refused to comply with the direction of the General Association ; but at a subsequent meeting, held January, 1844, determined upon its own voluntary dissolution as expedient, in view of the opprobrium into which it had fallen, and the act of dissolution was accompanied with a solemn expression, on the part of the majority present, of their "disapprobation of the doctrine of sinless perfection attained in this life, as held and propagated by some



members" of the Association, and with a refusal to grant letters to any holding such sentiments.

Meanwhile, towards the close of the year 1841, a new association, "The Manhattan," had been constituted, which was received into fellowship by the General Association. This body was orthodox, according to the New England standards, and comprised several worthy ministers of the Gospel in the city of New-York and its vicinity,—some who had not been connected with the New-York Association, and others who had become dissatisfied with the course of that body in the matters referred to above; but as few of these ministers occupied conspicuous posts among the churches, and as no public manifesto of theological sentiments was ever put forth by the body, its character and position were generally misunderstood, and it fell into undeserved reproach and neglect among other ecclesiastical bodies in New-York, and even among the Congregationalists of New England.

But a new era for Congregationalism in New-York now began. The success of the Broadway Tabernacle Church had established beyond contradiction the fact that Congregationalism could flourish upon this soil. The years 1844-'47, witnessed the organization of several Congregational churches in New-York and Brooklyn, in which were included many of the wealthy, liberal and energetic friends of Christ in the two cities, and also the erection of several commodious, tasteful, and even costly houses for Christian worship according to the Congregational order. In these circumstances, it was deemed expedient by the pastors of these churches, after consultation with the brethren of the Manhattan Association, to organize an association which should be a fair exponent of the character, the strength and the principles of the Congregational denomination in New York.

Accordingly, a convention of Congregational ministers was called for this purpose at the Broadway Tabernacle, June, 1846, which having resolved that it was expedient to organize a new association, appointed a committee to draft a Constitution to be submitted at an adjourned meeting.

At that meeting, March 16, 1847, a new association was

formed under the name of the CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK AND BROOKLYN. Its present membership appears on page 170 of this volume. Its Articles of Faith are those of the General Association of New York, of which the following is a copy :—

### CONFESSION OF FAITH.

**ARTICLE I.** There is only one living and true God, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth ; subsisting in three persons, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the same in essence, and equal in every divine perfection.

**ART. II.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice.

**ART. III.** God hath foreordained and worketh all things according to his eternal purpose, and the counsel of his own will.

**ART. IV.** God executes his purposes in the work of Creation and Providence, in such a way as to secure his own glory, and the highest good of the moral system, and yet in perfect consistency with the free moral agency of his intelligent creatures.

**ART. V.** Our first parents were created holy, and by voluntary transgression became sinners, justly exposed to eternal punishment.

**ART. VI.** In consequence of the transgression of our first parents, all their posterity became sinners, and are, in their natural, unregenerated state, totally sinful, and by the law of God condemned to eternal death.

**ART. VII.** The Lord Jesus Christ, who is both God and man in one person, has, by his sufferings and death, made a complete atonement for all mankind, and thereby laid a foundation for the offer of a free and full pardon, which is made indiscriminately to all, on the condition of repentance for sin, and faith in Christ.

**ART. VIII.** Mankind in their natural state universally reject the offers of salvation, performing nothing acceptable to God until renewed by the special influences of the Holy Spirit, and therefore, in order to salvation, must be born again.

**ART. IX.** God has, in the Covenant of Redemption, given to Christ, a part of mankind, who were from all eternity predestinated to be holy, and to be heirs of eternal glory ; and by the agency of the Holy Spirit renews them, after his own moral image, and causes them to persevere in holy obedience unto the end.

**ART. X.** The Lord Jesus Christ arose from the dead on the third day, and ever liveth to make intercession for his people, governing all things for their good ; and by virtue of his atonement, as the only meritorious cause, procures their justification, adoption, and final salvation.

ART. XI. A church is a congregation of Christians, professing faith in Christ, and obedience to him, and joined in covenant for ordinary communion in the Ordinances of the Gospel; invested with power to choose its own officers, to admit members, and to exercise government and discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.

ART. XII. Christ has appointed two sacraments to be observed in the church—Baptism and the Lord's Supper; the latter to be administered to professed believers in Christ who give credible evidence of piety; the former to them and their children.

ART. XIII. The first day of the week is the Christian Sabbath, and is to be sanctified by an holy resting all the day, even from such worldly employments as are lawful on other days, and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in necessary works of mercy.

ART. XIV. The souls of believers are, at their death, made perfectly holy, and immediately taken to glory. At the end of the world there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a final judgment of all mankind, when the Saints shall be publicly acquitted by Christ the Judge, and admitted to endless life and glory: and those who have continued in their sins shall be doomed to endless punishment.

PROGRESS AND PROSPECTS  
OF  
CONGREGATIONALISM.\*

THAT the germ of Congregationalism is found in the New Testament, can be believed, without supposing that this particular system of church polity, or any other, was fully developed in all its parts during the lifetime of the apostles; without even supposing that this, or any other, was intended to be made a distinct subject of divine legislation. It should be sufficient authority for any ecclesiastical usage, if the principles of the gospel, carried into consistent practice amid all the circumstances which Providence has arranged, shall naturally and necessarily bring in that usage. Hence the manner in which Congregationalism took its rise in New England, renders it sufficiently divine.

Its beginnings are thus set forth by Dr. Cotton Mather in his historical notes on the Cambridge Platform. "The churches of New England, enjoying so much rest and growth as they had now seen for some sevens of years, it was, upon many accounts, necessary for them to make such a declaration of the church order, wherein the good hand of God had moulded them, as might convey and secure the like order unto the following generations. Next unto the Bible, which was the professed, perpetual, and only directory of these churches, they had no platform of church government more exact than their famous John Cotton's well known book of 'The Keyes.'"

\* This paper was prepared by Dr. J. S. Clark, and published in the "Christian Observer," for Aug., 1847. Its value, as a historical document, seems to demand a wider circulation and a more permanent form—we give it, therefore, with one or two trifling alterations; a paragraph is also added, to bring it down to the present time, so far as it relates to Massachusetts.

This language is intelligible ; and the idea, beautiful. A company of conscientious Christians, fleeing from an oppressive hierarchy because it hinders the development of pure Christianity, making the wilderness their home because it affords them "freedom to worship God," selecting their own religious teachers by popular vote, and these teachers taking the Bible as their "professed, perpetual, and only directory" in the administration of their affairs,—commence their career in this secluded spot, far from all other restraint than that which Christ, their acknowledged Sovereign, imposes. In these untrammelled circumstances, each body of believers assumes its own independent form ; a form, which, owing to similarity of sentiment and condition, will be very likely to have a sameness in its essential features, with considerable variety in its minor details. At length, in 1648, they come together, not to enact a code of ecclesiastical laws, not even to construct an original system of church polity ; but simply to compare notes and usages, and commit to writing that system which had already sprung into use among them. And thus make "a declaration of the Church order wherein the good hand of God hath moulded them."

. The declaration thus made was the Cambridge Platform, which has ever since been regarded as the ground-plan of New England Congregationalism. And when it is considered that this system of ecclesiastical polity was not concocted by any one man, nor body of men, but is simply a transcript of the usages, "a declaration of the church order," which sprang up spontaneously among an intelligent, devout, and conscientious fraternity of churches, who had as yet no denominational preferences to consult, who went to the Scripture for *all* their rules, even in the minutest affairs of life, it will be seen in what high sense it claims to be divinely authorized, and on what strong grounds it rests that claim. Coming up in this way, it gives incomparably better evidence of its being from God, than if it had been devised and decreed by the wisest council of bishops that Christendom ever saw.

The whole number of churches in Massachusetts at the time this Synod met at Cambridge, in 1648, was thirty-nine. If to these be added four others gathered in Connecticut, three in New Hampshire, and one Baptist church in Rhode Island, we have the entire ecclesiastical map of New England, twenty-seven years after the landing at Plymouth, and seventeen after the settlement at Boston. It exhibits forty-six Congregational churches, gathered from a population of something less than thirty thousand, or one distinct church organ

ization and place of worship for every six hundred and fifty souls. Were we estimating their supply of religious instruction as well as their progress in church extension, it would be important to observe that most of these churches were supplied with two ministers each a custom which gradually went out of use; till, in our day, the support of only *one* is deemed too burdensome by many a parish which would have ranked among the ablest in those Puritan times.

But it is only the rise and progress of the churches, which we propose to consider in this article. And here, at the outset of our inquiries, we encounter a fact, as deplorable as it is embarrassing. Many of the churches, founded by the Pilgrim Fathers, and which stood forth for a long time, (some of them for more than a century and a half,) the champions and defenders of the Pilgrim faith, while they still adhere to their original system of ecclesiastical polity, have renounced that faith. Thirteen out of the thirty-nine whose pastors and delegates framed the Cambridge Platform, belong to this class; to which five more must be added, if we adopt the decision of our civil courts, and consider the identity of the church as inhering in the parish. Their names are expunged from the present list of evangelical churches. But they cannot be blotted from the past. They still have a "record on high." And yet this feature in the history of New England Congregationalism imposes the necessity of applying the rule of subtraction, as well as addition, in following the progress of our denomination through the past to the present.

We have endeavored to form a list of the Congregational churches of Massachusetts, both Trinitarian and Unitarian, arranged in the chronological order of their organization,—a labor which cannot be performed in a day, or even a year, inasmuch as the materials from which to construct such a list are to be sought for, not so much in books, as in the unpublished records of the churches. And what makes the subject still more perplexing is, that these records are oftentimes defective. However, by keeping the inquiry alive through a series of years, and embracing all favorable opportunities for getting the facts, we have been able to assign a date to the origin of each, with a reasonable degree of accuracy. From an inspection of this list, the following results are derived.

The whole number of Congregational churches which have been gathered in the State, from the beginning to the present time, is six hundred and thirty-three. Of these, thirty have either become extinct,

removed from the State, or been amalgamated with others of the same denomination; leaving the number now on the ground, six hundred and three. Of these, four hundred and thirty-nine are Evangelical, and one hundred and sixty-four Unitarian.

Commencing with 1647, the year before the Cambridge Platform was completed, when the number of organized churches in Massachusetts was thirty-nine; and dividing the two centuries which have since elapsed into eight periods of twenty-five years each, the additions for each of these periods have been as follows:—For the first period, twenty churches; for the second, seventeen; for the third, sixty-one; for the fourth, one hundred; for the fifth, sixty-three; for the sixth, forty-nine; for the seventh, sixty-two; for the eighth and last period, two hundred and twenty-two.\*

In accounting for the small number of churches gathered during the first period subsequent to 1647, it should be remembered that during Oliver Cromwell's administration, the tide of emigration set back from New England to Old. The smallness of the increase, during the sixth period, viz., from 1773 to 1797, indicates plainly enough the effect of the revolutionary war on the multiplication of the churches, as does the large increase during the last period, show the influence of revivals, and the fruit of Home Missions. About *half* the Orthodox Congregational churches, which have been gathered during the last twenty-five years in this State, were either cherished into life or preserved from death, by the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society.

Ninety of the Unitarian churches in Massachusetts were originally Orthodox; while at least twenty-five other parishes retained their meeting-houses and parish funds, after Evangelical churches had seceded from them.

\* For greater convenience we give these statistics in tabular form.

|                                     |   |   |   |   |   |                    |
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| Before                              | - | - | - | - | - | 1647, 39 churches. |
| First period of 25 years, ending in |   |   |   |   |   | 1672, 20 "         |
| Second                              | " | " | " |   |   | 1697, 17 "         |
| Third                               | " | " | " |   |   | 1722, 61 "         |
| Fourth                              | " | " | " |   |   | 1747, 100 "        |
| Fifth                               | " | " | " |   |   | 1772, 63 "         |
| Sixth                               | " | " | " |   |   | 1797, 49 "         |
| Seventh                             | " | " | " |   |   | 1822, 62 "         |
| Eighth and last,                    | " | " | " |   |   | 1847, 222 "        |
| Total                               |   |   |   |   |   | 633                |

If now, from the one hundred and sixty-four Unitarian churches in this State, we subtract the ninety that were once Trinitarian, there will remain but seventy-four that were originally founded on that faith. If we accept the decision of the judges, and concede what Unitarians claim respecting those twenty-five others, there will be but forty-nine churches in all the State, *planted* by Unitarian enterprise; and five hundred and fifty-four, or more than eleven out of twelve, gathered originally by the zeal of the Orthodox.

But in order to obtain a just, or even an impartial, view of the progress of Congregationalism, it is needful, not only to compute its absolute growth through successive periods, but also to compare it with the growth of other denominations during the same time. By omitting to do this, almost any denomination of Christians, in this growing country, can find evidence that it is destined to out-number, and over-top every other. And yet, through lack of reliable statistics, it is extremely difficult to trace this comparative progress. Along the misty track of the past, there are but a few points, where sufficient light can be found, to admit of a comparison between the different denominations, even in Massachusetts.

The following facts, however, have been verified. Up to 1664 there was no church organization in the State, except the Congregational; unless we make a distinction which the fathers of that day were not accustomed to make, between a few which had the elements of Presbyterianism in their structure, and the mass of them, which had not. This exception, however, applies rather to a few *ministers* Presbyterially inclined, than to the churches under their care. There does not appear to have been a regular Presbyterian church gathered in Massachusetts, prior to 1727, when the present Federal Street Church, Boston, was organized in that form. The largest number in the State, at any one time, has been five; which is now reduced to two. As these are scarcely distinguishable from the others in doctrine or religious fellowship, they are here included in the Congregational fraternity. Whatever New England owes, therefore, to the ecclesiastical influences under which her character was formed and her institutions founded during the first forty-four years from her birth, she owes to Congregationalism exclusively. Beginning at this point, the order of time in which the other religious denominations took their origin, may be stated thus:—The first Baptist church in Boston, which was also the first in Massachusetts, was gathered in 1664. The first Episcopal



church was organized in 1686, and is known among us now as the King's Chapel Church, in this city. It is also a fact, suggestive of reflection, that it was the first on the continent to become Unitarian. The Friends, or Quakers, arose in 1710. The first Universalist organization was effected in 1786. The Roman Catholics opened their first place of worship in 1789. The Methodists began in 1795. Unitarian societies were not publicly known as such, in Massachusetts, prior to 1810, with the single exception of the King's Chapel congregation, which excluded the doctrine of the Trinity from their Liturgy, in 1785.

We have found means for comparing the number of churches in the several denominations, at four different periods in the past.

In 1696, which was seventy-six years after the landing at Plymouth, the churches in Massachusetts were, one Episcopalian, one Baptist, and seventy-four Congregationalist. There was also a congregation of French Refugees, in Boston, who had a place of worship in School Street, which was subsequently occupied by Rev. Andrew Crosswell's congregation, till his death, and then went into the hands of the first Roman Catholic congregation.

In 1767, after a hundred and forty-seven years, the Episcopalians numbered ten assemblies; the Friends, thirteen; the Baptists, sixteen; the Congregationalists, two hundred and eighty.

Twenty-three years later, in 1790, the Roman Catholics had one church; the Universalists, one; the Friends, six; the Episcopalians, eleven; the Baptists, eighty-three; the Congregationalists, three hundred and thirty-two.

At the beginning of this century, the Roman Catholics were still but one; the Universalists, four; the Friends, eight; the Episcopalians, fourteen; the Methodists, twenty-nine; the Baptists, ninety-three; the Congregationalists, three hundred and fifty-two.

The present number of churches connected with the several denominations, is estimated thus:—Freewill Baptists, seven; Swedenborgians, ten; Friends, fourteen; Christians, thirty; Episcopalians, fifty-five; Roman Catholics, fifty-eight; Universalists, one hundred and forty-five; Unitarians, one hundred and sixty-four; Methodists, one hundred and eighty-one; Baptists, two hundred and thirty-three; Congregationalists, four hundred and thirty-nine; in all, one thousand three hundred and thirty-six. From this, it appears that the Orthodox Congregationalist churches comprise about one third of all the

churches in Massachusetts; the Baptists, one sixth; the Methodists, one seventh; the Unitarians, one eighth; the Universalists, one ninth; the Roman Catholics, one twenty-third; and the Episcopalians, one twenty-fifth.

Having given the ecclesiastical statistics of Massachusetts, in rather tedious detail, we shall merely glance at the progress which Congregationalism has made in other parts of the land. It has already been noticed that there were forty-six Congregational churches in New England, when the Synod of 1648 met at Cambridge. In 1696, when the number of these churches in Massachusetts was seventy-four, there were in Connecticut thirty-six; in New Hampshire, five; and in the Province of Maine, three;—the whole number in New England being at that time one hundred and eighteen. In 1760, these had increased to four hundred and eighty-three, viz:—in Massachusetts, two hundred and sixty; in Connecticut, one hundred and fifty-three; in New Hampshire, forty; in Maine, twenty; in Rhode Island, ten; and were doubling about once in thirty years, as President Stiles calculates in his Election Sermon, preached at that date. The present number within the limits of New England, is not far from one thousand two hundred and seventy. This estimate, of course, includes only the evangelical.

Congregationalism, in this country, was hardly known out of New England, prior to 1800; and then, for twenty-five years, it was not generally recognized as anything distinct from Presbyterianism, with which, in fact, it became so harmoniously affiliated, that New England Congregationalists, in their emigrations to the West, felt little desire to transport their ecclesiastical *name*, the thing itself, which that name signified, being made, as they deemed, sufficiently sure. For reasons, however, which need not be stated here, there has been, for the last fifteen or twenty years, a stronger development of the distinctive features of Congregationalism, in this class of churches, and a greater partiality for the name, insomuch that there are already not less than three hundred and twenty-five unmixed Congregational churches, in the Middle and Western States; which, added to those of New England, make the whole number in the United States, one thousand five hundred and ninety-five, or, in round numbers, one thousand six hundred. It has been estimated, with how much accuracy we are unable to say, that the Congregational churches in England are one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three; in Wales, four hundred and sixty-three; in Scotland,

one hundred and three; in Ireland, twenty-four; and in the British Provinces, seventy-eight; in all, two thousand five hundred and twenty-one; which, added to those in the United States, make the total number in Great Britain and America, something over four thousand.

As to the prospects of Congregationalism in this country, there appears to be no good reason to fear that the predictions concerning its speedy extinction, which have been uttered against it, ever since its first establishment, will have a fulfilment in our day. It never extended *farther* than at present, and was never extending *faster*. There are some developments of the age, which seem peculiarly favorable to its future progress. The democracy of our civil government, which, instead of fading out, becomes more strongly marked, every year, is cognate with the essential and distinctive feature of our ecclesiastical polity. Modern Republicanism and modern Congregationalism, were thrown up together, from among those deep things of God and his government, which were brought to light by means of the Puritans. It is but reasonable, therefore, to look for a correspondence in their several manifestations. And at what time since the beginning of the seventeenth century, have the masses of human mind been more impatient of political authority, or judicatorial restraint, in matters pertaining to the church, than at the present moment? The mutations and permutations through which the Presbyterian and Episcopal bodies are passing, especially when we take into view the source of these commotions, have a tendency in the same general direction. Causes may, indeed, be set at work, which shall prevent these elements of Congregationalism from assuming an organic form, or, at least, from crystalizing around this nucleus of ours. We may become so exclusive as to impose upon ourselves a law of non-intercourse with those who already hold every essential of Congregationalism, but the *name*. Or we may become so liberal and sympathizing, as to fraternize with all who have the *name*, though they hold scarcely any thing else in common with us. Should none of these things come to pass, there is reason to believe that this simple and scriptural method of church government will have a wide extension, and be found equally well suited to the condition of any people, who are blessed with common education and common sense.

The whole number of Congregational (Trinitarian) churches in the State, is 469; and the number of members connected with them, on the 1st of January, 1853, was 67,688. The number of settled pastors

at the present time, is 380—the rest of the churches being, in general, stately supplied. From Jan. 1, 1852 to this time, (Nov. 15, 1853,) 47 pastors have been dismissed, and 61 settled; 9 have died, who sustained the pastoral office. During the same period, 5 new churches have been organized, and 13 meeting-houses built. For the year 1852, there were added to these churches 2,144 by profession of their faith, and 1,805 on recommendation from other churches—in all, 3,949 additions during the year. Considerable discussion has been had the past year, on the subject of ministerial support, with a view to an increase corresponding with the increased expense of living, and most of the societies who have had occasion to settle pastors within the last twelve months, have advanced on the salaries previously paid, while many others have done the same for their ministers, as a matter of simple equity in fulfilling the spirit of the original contract.

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| Beech Andrew,            | 172   | Spaulding Geo.,       | 54    | Tarbox I. N.,           | 54    |
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| Beech L. H.,             | 78    | Spencer F. A.,        | 168   | Taylor E. W.,           | 146   |
| Beech Noah,              | 172   | Sperry E. P.,         | 119   | Taylor I.,              | 56    |
| Beech N. W.,             | 96    | Sperry Zalmon,        | 150   | Taylor J. L.,           | 70    |
| Beech Stewart,           | 86    | Spooner C.,           | 204   | Taylor L.,              | 100   |
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| Beech Lewis F.,          | 80    | Starr W. H.,          | 82    | Taylor Rufus,           | 182   |
| Beech S. N.,             | 277   | Stearnes J. M.,       | 5     | Taylor S. D.,           | 105   |
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| Beechman C. S.,          | 98    | Stearnes J. H.,       | 147   | Temple A. A.,           | 62    |
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| Beech Albert,            | 80    | Stevens S.,           | 57    | Tenney C. L.,           | 81    |
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| Beech Asa B.,            | 97    | Steward ———,          | 148   | Thatcher I. C.,         | 119   |
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|                          |       | Stone B. P.,          |       |                         |       |
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| Thompson O. C.,        | 218     | White Isaac C.,      | 84      |
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| Withington L., D.D.,   | 49  | Woods J. V. A.,               | 262 | Wright J. E. M.,    | 75  |
| Witter B.,             | 183 | Woods Leonard, D.D., Andover, |     | Wright S. G.,       | 206 |
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| Wood Enos,             | 169 | Woodward J. H.,               | 144 | Y.                  |     |
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A few names incorrectly printed in the body of the work have been corrected in this list—others may have escaped notice, or may have been deciphered incorrectly from illegible M. S. S. Persons sending their names to be enrolled as members, will please to write them in full and so that they can be read correctly.



## REPORT OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE,

*Appointed by the General Congregational Convention at Albany, Oct., 1852.*

The Central Committee avail themselves of the opportunity afforded by the publication of the Year-Book of the Congregational Union, to make a brief report to the public of their doings under the trust assigned them. With a desire to discharge the duties of that trust in the most complete and satisfactory manner, the Committee met, only a few days after the adjournment of the Convention, and organized for business by the choice of Mr. Henry C. Bowen, President; Rev. N. H. Eggleston, Secretary; and Mr. S. B. Chittenden, Treasurer. Circulars setting forth the objects and plans of the Convention, were immediately prepared and widely distributed, and such other measures as were practicable were made use of by the Committee to ensure a hearty and efficient interest in the movement inaugurated at Albany. The accompanying Report of the Treasurer shows that nearly sixty thousand dollars have been received by the Committee, a sum larger by almost ten thousand dollars than the anticipations of the Convention ventured to provide for by specific appropriation. Of this sum fifty thousand dollars have been disbursed, or made subject to draft according to the assignment made by the Convention. Of the surplus a large portion has been already distributed to churches in States not enumerated by the Albany Convention.

The Committee during the time which has been occupied by them in the collection and disbursement of this noble and truly charitable fund, have had constantly accumulating evidence of the usefulness of the movement which has so largely engaged the attention of our churches during the past year. New strength and spirit have thereby been infused into them; new confidence in our simple and Scriptural Church Polity has been widely inspired; and what eminently deserves to be chronicled, while our denominational interests have thus been advanced, the sectarian spirit has not apparently increased, but we are knit to the other great branches of the Christian fold in our land with a broader and truer bond of union than ever before. The movement made by us has also commended itself to other branches of the Church, and is evidently leading them to adopt like measures. One large body of Christians, closely allied to us in doctrine and spirit, are just now emulating our zeal in the collection of a noble fund in aid of the feeble churches in their connection, and so it may prove that our zeal hath provoked many, and that our work is not to be estimated by the pecuniary sum contributed in our Churches or by the results flowing directly from it.

In connection with the collection of the fund proposed by the Convention, the Central Committee, at one of their earliest meetings, took measures, in accordance with the authority given by the Convention, to procure and publish a series of plans for Church Edifices. This work, the measure of which none can well understand who have not engaged in similar undertakings, has been attended with unforeseen difficulties and hindrances. The Committee have spared no pains or expense that might ensure the good character of the book, and they now offer it to the public, satisfied that while imperfections may be discovered in it, it will be found to fill a place that has hitherto been almost if not altogether vacant.

The cost of the work has greatly exceeded the anticipations of the Committee, but they are still able to furnish it to the churches at a price at which no book dealer would think of affording it, and a price which will make its purchase expedient to those who contemplate the erection of even the smallest and least expensive house of worship.

Such, in brief, is the Report of the doings of the Committee to the present time. A final statement will be given to the public when the surplus funds in the hands of the Committee are entirely disposed of, and the accounts of the Treasurer are closed.

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| HENRY C. BOWEN.    | } | CENTRAL COMMITTEE. |
| GEORGE B. CHEEVER, |   |                    |
| ISRAEL MINOR,      |   |                    |
| R. S. STORRS, Jr., |   |                    |
| S. B. CHITTENDEN,  |   |                    |
| O. E. WOOD.        |   |                    |
| N. H. EGGLESTON.   |   |                    |

## LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

| MAINE.                        |        |                           |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| Albion,                       | \$5 00 | Fairfield,                | \$2 75 |
| Amherst,                      | 8 00   | Falmouth, 2d ch.,         | 4 00   |
| Andover,                      | 5 00   | Foxcroft,                 | 10 00  |
| Bangor, Hammond st.,          | 75 00  | Frankfort,                | 10 00  |
| " First Church,               | 45 00  | Gorham,                   | 36 00  |
| " Central "                   | 19 00  | Gray,                     | 7 00   |
| Bath, " "                     | 82 80  | Hallowel,                 | 28 00  |
| " 35 dol. additional, payable |        | Kennebunk,                | 60 00  |
| July 1,                       |        | Lebanon,                  | 7 00   |
| " Winter st.,                 | 57 00  | Lewiston Falls,           | 48 00  |
| Belfast,                      | 13 00  | Limerick,                 | 18 18  |
| Benton,                       | 3 25   | Lovell,                   | 2 00   |
| Bethel, 1st ch.,              | 15 85  | Lyman,                    | 8 00   |
| Biddeford, 1st ch.,           | 5 06   | Machias,                  | 28 50  |
| Bingham,                      | 2 00   | Monson,                   | 11 42  |
| Blanchard,                    | 6 00   | North Augusta,            | 4 00   |
| Bluehill,                     | 13 50  | North Belfast,            | 10 00  |
| Boothbay,                     | 13 50  | North Yarmouth,           | 10 60  |
| Brewer,                       | 12 00  | Orland,                   | 13 00  |
| Brooks,                       | 3 00   | Orono,                    | 10 00  |
| Brownsville,                  | 10 00  | Otisfield,                | 12 17  |
| Brunswick,                    | 49 48  | Passadumkeag,             | 1 00   |
| Bucksport,                    | 55 00  | Pittston,                 | 3 00   |
| Calais,                       | 43 00  | Portland, Abyssinian ch., | 2 12   |
| Camden,                       | 21 00  | " High st. ch.,           | 190 11 |
| Castine,                      | 36 50  | " 3d ch.,                 | 203 28 |
| Cumberland,                   | 10 50  | Prospect,                 | 9 00   |
| Dedham,                       | 11 00  | Rockland,                 | 14 00  |
| Dennysville,                  | 31 42  | Saco,                     | 40 00  |
| Dexter,                       | 7 50   | Searsport,                | 64 00  |
| Durham,                       | 2 00   | Standish,                 | 12 08  |
| Edgecomb,                     | 6 00   | Thomaston,                | 8 00   |
| Ellsworth,                    | 30 00  | Topsham,                  | 13 00  |
|                               |        | Turner,                   | 8 00   |
|                               |        | Washington,               | 3 75   |

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| Waterville,                   | \$15 00    |
| Wells,                        | 16 00      |
| Windham,                      | 9 00       |
| Winslow,                      | 10 00      |
| Winthrop,                     | 24 00      |
| Wiscasset,                    | 20 00      |
| Woolwich,                     | 14 00      |
| Yarmouth,                     | 54 00      |
| York,                         | 23 30      |
| Wheeler Chickering, Pem-      |            |
| broke,                        | 5 00       |
| Rev. J. W. Cressey, Buckston, | 5 00       |
| J. B. Thornton, Esq., Scarbo- |            |
| ro', for the erection of      |            |
| some one church,              | 300 00     |
| Miscellaneous,                | 3 12       |
| Total Amount,                 | \$2,118 87 |
| Received from Com.,           | 76 60      |
|                               |            |
| Less Expenses,                | \$2,195 47 |
|                               | 4 00       |
|                               | \$2,191 47 |

## NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Allstead Centre,        | 10 00  |
| Amherst,                | 118 05 |
| Auburn,                 | 20 00  |
| Bath,                   | 30 00  |
| Bennington,             | 8 75   |
| Bethlehem,              | 9 00   |
| Bristol,                | 14 20  |
| Campton,                | 12 21  |
| Candia,                 | 26 00  |
| Canterbury,             | 10 00  |
| Centre Harbor,          | 3 00   |
| Chester,                | 33 06  |
| Claremont,              | 10 00  |
| Concord,                | 83 15  |
| "    East,              | 11 00  |
| "    South,             | 102 00 |
| Deerfield,              | 15 00  |
| Dumbarton,              | 15 00  |
| East Boscawen,          | 24 65  |
| Fitzwilliam,            | 38 07  |
| Francistown,            | 42 30  |
| Franconia,              | 5 00   |
| Franklin,               | 8 00   |
| Gilmanton Centre,       | 10 50  |
| "    Iron Works,        | 10 37  |
| Gileam,                 | 20 00  |
| Goshen,                 | 3 25   |
| Great Falls,            | 32 54  |
| Hanover, an individual, | 2 00   |
| Harrisville,            | 8 51   |

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| Haverhill,                  | \$350 00   |
| Hill,                       | 1 00       |
| Hillsboro Bridge,           | 2 35       |
| Kinsdale,                   | 5 00       |
| Hollis,                     | 44 30      |
| Hooksett,                   | 5 00       |
| Jaffrey,                    | 11 00      |
| Keene,                      | 51 00      |
| Kingston,                   | 7 43       |
| Lebanon,                    | 32 00      |
| "    West,                  | 33 00      |
| Lempster,                   | 14 00      |
| Lyme,                       | 52 00      |
| Manchester, 1st ch.,        | 62 73      |
| "    Franklyn st. ch.,      | 52 00      |
| Mason,                      | 10 00      |
| "    Village,               | 14 00      |
| Merrimack South,            | 6 00       |
| Moultonboro',               | 7 00       |
| Mount Vernon,               | 25 00      |
| Nashua, 1st ch.,            | 02 52      |
| "    Pearl st. ch.,         | 67 43      |
| New-Ipswich,                | 10 00      |
| New-Market, South,          | 7 20       |
| Northwood,                  | 7 00       |
| Oxford, East,               | 14 34      |
| "    West,                  | 16 30      |
| Pembroke,                   | 12 00      |
| Plainfield,                 | 10 00      |
| Rindge,                     | 27 00      |
| Rochester,                  | 27 00      |
| Rye,                        | 8 00       |
| Seabrook and Hampton Falls, | 5 00       |
| Swansey,                    | 31 00      |
| Troy,                       | 13 00      |
| Washington,                 | 3 00       |
| David Bartlett,             | 3 00       |
| Rev. Charles Willey,        | 5 00       |
| Committee for N. H.,        | 119 34     |
|                             | \$1,690 45 |
| Less Expenses,              | 5 63       |
|                             | \$1,685 45 |

## VERMONT.

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Ascutneyville,  | \$5 00 |
| Bakersfield,    | 17 00  |
| Barton,         | 8 00   |
| Bennington, 2d, | 15 38  |
| Benson,         | 50 00  |
| Berlin,         | 17 56  |
| Brandon,        | 33 00  |

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**MASSACHUSETTS.**

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|----------------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| Andover Seminary,          | 125 00 | Chicopee, 3rd ch.,        | 50 00  |
| " North,                   | 27 00  | " Falls,                  | 19 00  |
| " West,                    | 20 00  | Cohasset, 2nd ch.,        | 30 31  |
| Ashburnham, Mrs. Leonard's |        | Conway,                   | 40 00  |
| S. S. Class,               | 3 50   | Cummington,               | 21 34  |
| North,                     | 5 00   | J. O. Tucker,             | 3 00   |
| Ashby,                     | 30 00  | Curtisville,              | 6 00   |
| Ashfield,                  | 20 00  | Dalton,                   | 20 00  |
| Athol,                     | 31 00  | Dana,                     | 5 00   |
| Attleboro,                 | 31 17  | Danvers, 2nd ch.,         | 94 00  |
| South,                     | 20 00  | 3rd ch.,                  | 56 00  |
| Auburn Dale,               | 57 16  | Dedham,                   | 86 00  |
| Belchertown,               | 70 00  | Deerfield South,          | 11 00  |
| Berkeley,                  | 3 00   | Dorchester,               | 203 00 |
| Berlin,                    | 18 00  | Dover,                    | 7 00   |
| Beverley,                  | 40 73  | Dracut,                   | 12 00  |
| Washington, St.,           | 22 57  | Dudley,                   | 30 31  |
| 4th, ch.,                  | 23 00  | Dunstable,                | 15 00  |
| Billerica,                 | 10 00  | East Hampton,             | 61 00  |
| Boston, Bowdoin St.,       | 100 00 | Easton,                   | 12 00  |
| Essex St.,                 | 155 75 | Egremont,                 | 17 00  |
| Mt. Vernon,                | 482 13 | Enfield,                  | 64 00  |
| Old South,                 | 156 08 | Fairhaven, 1st ch.        | 87 20  |
| Park St.,                  | 457 35 | Fall River,               | 77 00  |
| Phillips,                  | 40 00  | Falmouth,                 | 50 00  |
| Pine St.,                  | 81 47  | Falmouth, East,           | 9 12   |
| Salem St.,                 | 213 53 | Fitchburg,                | 30 43  |
| South,                     | 12 00  | Frammingham,              | 43 70  |
| Boxford,                   | 24 00  | Franklin,                 | 185 05 |
| Boylston,                  | 29 00  | Gardner,                  | 12 00  |
| West,                      | 30 00  | Gloucester,               | 16 00  |
| Braintree,                 | 80 00  | North ch.,                | 10 55  |
| New,                       | 40 00  | Goshen,                   | 18 00  |
| South,                     | 25 00  | Grafton,                  | 100 00 |
| West,                      | 30 03  | Granby,                   | 4 50   |
| Bridgewater,               | 61 00  | Granville, West, 1st ch., | 24 00  |
| East & West,               | 21 75  | Great Barrington,         | 85 00  |
| North,                     | 29 00  | Greenfield,               | 21 40  |
| Brighton,                  | 40 10  | Groton,                   | 55 00  |
| Brookfield,                | 14 50  | Hadley, 1st ch.,          | 13 10  |
| North,                     | 31 00  | 3d,                       | 31 00  |
| West,                      | 13 50  | North,                    | 18 00  |
| Brookline,                 | 124 20 | South,                    | 42 00  |
| Buckland,                  | 22 00  | " 1st ch.,                | 91 75  |
| Byfield,                   | 10 12  | Halifax,                  | 18 00  |
| Cambridgeport,             | 35 00  | Hampden,                  | 8 81   |
| Cambridge West,            | 113 00 | Hardwick,                 | 17 00  |
| Centerville,               | 24 84  | Harwick,                  | 13 00  |
| Charlemont East,           | 20 00  | Hatfield,                 | 123 43 |
| Charlestown,               | 220 00 | Heath,                    | 3 00   |
| Winthrop ch.,              | 270 12 | Hingham,                  | 10 00  |
| " Sab. S.,                 | 77 24  | Hinsdale,                 | 100 00 |
| Chelmsford North,          | 43 00  | Holden,                   | 18 80  |
| Chelsea,                   | 250 50 | Holliston,                | 50 00  |
| J. A. Copp,                | 65 25  | Hopkinton,                | 62 00  |
| Chesterfield,              | 7 00   | Housatonic,               | 15 00  |
| Chester Village,           | 17 00  | Hubbardston,              | 11 00  |
| Chicopee,                  | 12 00  | Ipswich,                  | 61 25  |

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|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| Ipawich, 1st. ch.     | 50 00  | Quincy,               | 27 19  |
| Kingston,             | 20 00  | Randolph,             | 52 75  |
| Lancaster,            | 52 00  | Raynham,              | 31 00  |
| Lawrence,             | 58 00  | Reading,              | 58 70  |
| " 2d ch.,             | 45 00  | Bethesda,             | 115 67 |
| Leicester,            | 94 75  | " South,              | 55 35  |
| Lenox,                | 29 00  | Rehoboth,             | 22 00  |
| Leominster,           | 45 00  | Richmond,             | 10 00  |
| Leverett,             | 7 00   | Rochester,            | 23 00  |
| Lincoln,              | 19 50  | Rockport,             | 21 00  |
| Long Meadow,          | 38 00  | Rowe,                 | 3 54   |
| Lowell, Kirk st.,     | 75 00  | Rowley,               | 10 00  |
| Ludlow,               | 31 25  | Roxbury, West,        | 40 10  |
| Lynn, 1st ch.,        | 140 00 | Salem, Howard street, | 25 50  |
| Malden,               | 22 00  | " 3d ch.,             | 57 00  |
| Mansfield,            | 15 12  | " Crombie st.,        | 100 00 |
| Marblehead,           | 101 00 | " Tabernacle,         | 100 00 |
| Marlboro,             | 14 00  | Sandwich,             | 45 00  |
| Marshfield, North,    | 10 00  | Saxonville,           | 22 00  |
| " South,              | 44 56  | Scituate,             | 10 55  |
| Mattapoisett,         | 20 00  | Seekonk,              | 22 35  |
| Medfield,             | 14 00  | Shelburne Falls,      | 26 00  |
| Medford,              | 24 00  | Sherburne,            | 23 44  |
| " Mystic,             | 164 41 | Shrewsbury,           | 45 00  |
| Medway,               | 31 59  | Southampton,          | 17 00  |
| " East,               | 50 00  | Southboro,            | 14 25  |
| " West,               | 30 00  | Southfield,           | 21 00  |
| Melrose,              | 14 00  | Southwick,            | 21 00  |
| Middleboro,           | 30 00  | Spencer,              | 15 00  |
| " West,               | 14 00  | Springfield, North,   | 30 00  |
| Middleton,            | 8 00   | " West,               | 38 28  |
| Millbury,             | 50 00  | Stockbridge, West,    | 12 00  |
| " ,                   | 90 00  | Stoneham,             | 12 00  |
| Millford,             | 20 00  | Sturbridge,           | 29 00  |
| " Fem. Ben. S'y.,     | 5 00   | Sudbury,              | 21 12  |
| Milton,               | 21 50  | Sunderland,           | 61 25  |
| Monson,               | 49 00  | Sutton,               | 31 50  |
| Montague,             | 24 00  | Swamscot,             | 5 00   |
| Monterey,             | 14 00  | Taunton,              | 13 00  |
| Newbury, 1st ch.,     | 25 00  | Templeton,            | 44 25  |
| " West,               | 41 00  | Tisbury, West,        | 12 00  |
| Newburyport,          | 100 00 | Topsfield,            | 30 00  |
| " D. T. Fiske,        | 160 43 | Townsend,             | 84 00  |
| Newton,               | 70 43  | Walpole,              | 29 00  |
| " 2d ch.,             | 52 00  | Ware,                 | 86 50  |
| " Elliot ch.,         | 165 00 | Webster,              | 7 50   |
| Northampton, 1st ch., | 368 02 | Wellfleet,            | 32 00  |
| Northboro,            | 58 25  | " South,              | 5 00   |
| Norwich,              | 25 00  | Wenham,               | 28 00  |
| Orleans,              | 5 00   | Westboro,             | 104 00 |
| Otis,                 | 8 00   | Westford,             | 11 50  |
| Oxford,               | 60 00  | Westminster,          | 10 00  |
| Pawtucket,            | 115 50 | Weymouth,             | 21 71  |
| Pepperell,            | 37 00  | " South,              | 25 00  |
| Phillipston,          | 37 00  | Whately, 2d ch.,      | 16 10  |
| Pittsfield, 1st ch.,  | 100 00 | Whitingsville,        | 95 50  |
| " South ch.,          | 100 00 | Williamsburgh,        | 11 00  |
| Plainfield,           | 14 58  | Williamstown,         | 14 00  |

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| Wilmington,             | 24 00       |
| Winchendon,             | 36 12       |
| Windsor,                | 11 00       |
| Worcester, G. Bushnell, | 59 00       |
| "    South,             | 54 00       |
| "    Union ch.,         | 282 00      |
| Worthington,            | 112 75      |
| Wrentham,               | 15          |
| Anonymous,              | 9 25        |
| Hampden County,*        | 1213 21     |
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|                         | \$14,241 26 |
| Less Expenses,          | 14 03       |
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|                         | \$142,27 23 |

## RHODE ISLAND.

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Providence Beneficent Ch., |            |
| about,                     | \$375 00   |
| Central,                   | 250 00     |
| Richmond st.,              | 250 00     |
| High st.,                  | 150 00     |
| J. H. B.,                  | 1 00       |
| South Kingston,            | 9 00       |
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| Amount received,           | \$1,466 87 |

## CONNECTICUT.

## HARTFORD COUNTY.

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Hartford, First ch.,      | 400 00  |
| "    Third, Dr. Bushnell, | 1012 00 |
| "    Fourth,              | 125 00  |
| "    Pearl st.,           | 128 56  |
| Canton Center,            | 54 00   |
| East Windsor Theo. Sem.,  | 25 76   |
| East Windsor,             | 38 00   |
| Granby, First ch.,        | 20 00   |
| East Granby,              | 6 75    |
| West Granby land,         | 12 00   |
| Simsbury,                 | 60 00   |
| Soufield,                 | 31 82   |
| Windsor,                  | 42 50   |
| Windsor Locks,            | 25 00   |
| Pequonnoc,                | 11 50   |
| East Avon,                | 27 00   |
| Bristol,                  | 100 00  |
| Collinsville,             | 25 00   |
| Hamden, ton,              | 268 00  |
| Manchester, 1st. ch.,     | 40 00   |

\* No particulars have been received of this amount, and the absence of the statement was not perceived until it was too late to procure it. It is the same with Rhode Island, and one or two amounts from other States.

|                   |       |
|-------------------|-------|
| Manchester 2d,    | 24 00 |
| Plainville,       | 25 00 |
| Terryville,       | 30 00 |
| Unionville,       | 10 00 |
| Berlin,           | 33 00 |
| "    Kensington,  | 9 00  |
| "    New Britain, | 60 24 |
| Glastonbury,      | 56 00 |
| "    South,       | 11 00 |
| "    Eastbury,    | 11 00 |
| Southington,      | 38 00 |
| Newington,        | 36 44 |
| West Hartford,    | 76 86 |
| East Hartford,    | 65 00 |
| Wethersfield,     | 30 00 |
| South Windsor,    | 11 25 |

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## NEW HAVEN COUNTY.

|                          |        |
|--------------------------|--------|
| New-Haven, 1st ch.,      | 755 00 |
| "    North,              | 575 00 |
| "    College st.,        | 81 00  |
| "    Chapel st.,         | 111 00 |
| "    South,              | 82 36  |
| "    Howe st.,           | 55 37  |
| "    S. Sch.,            | 5 00   |
| "    Mrs. M. A. Gibbs,   | 10 00  |
| "    Fairhaven, 1st ch., | 50 00  |
| "    "    2d ch.,        | 25 00  |
| "    Westville,          | 68 00  |
| "    Broadway S. Sch.,   | 3 00   |
| Bethany,                 | 6 00   |
| Derby, 1st ch.,          | 47 00  |
| "    Birmingham,         | 145 00 |
| "    Ansonia,            | 117 00 |
| Hamden, Mt. Carmel,      | 33 00  |
| "    East Plains,        | 37 00  |
| Middlebury,              | 26 00  |
| Naugatuck,               | 42 00  |
| Orange,                  | 16 51  |
| Oxford,                  | 5 00   |
| Prospect,                | 10 00  |
| Seymour,                 | 33 51  |
| Milford, 1st ch.,        | 50 00  |
| "    Second,             | 30 00  |
| Waterbury, 1st ch.,      | 120 00 |
| "    2d,                 | 25 74  |
| Branford,                | 48 70  |
| "    Rev. T. P. Gillet,  | 50 00  |
| "    L. L. Squire,       | 50 00  |
| Cheshire,                | 30 00  |
| "    W. Law,             | 20 00  |
| Durham, North ch.,       | 65 00  |
| East Haven,              | 56 43  |
| Guilford, 3d ch.,        | 51 75  |
| North Guilford,          | 34 00  |
| Meriden, 1st ch.,        | 217 00 |

## LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

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|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| n, 1st ch.,        | 5 00  |
| Central ch.,       | 35 00 |
| field,             | 47 50 |
| Branford,          | 10 00 |
| ord,               | 10 05 |
| Haven,             | 29 66 |
| gford,             | 56 00 |
| ber of Convention, | 10 00 |

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## NEW LONDON COUNTY.

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| don, Dr. M'Ewen, | 10 00  |
| 2d ch.,          | 175 16 |
| ch 1st ch.,      | 119 00 |
| 2d,              | 657 00 |
| 4th,             | 20 38  |
| Main street,     | 383 04 |
| ster, First ch., | 43 41  |
| yme,             | 5 00   |
| lin,             | 10 33  |
| City,            | 14 00  |
| on, 1st ch.,     | 90 00  |
| 1st ch.,         | 20 07  |
| er,              | 31 72  |
| ille,            | 15 00  |
| Stonington,      | 31 00  |
| " D. R. Wheeler, | 50 00  |
| 14 00            |        |
| gton, 2d ch.,    | 104 00 |
| Bridge,          | 10 00  |

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## FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| port, Second ch., | \$85 75 |
| H. & T.,          | 20 00   |
| l,                | 32 00   |
| ld, 1st ch.,      | 44 38   |
| part,             | 152 52  |
| wich, 2d ch.,     | 165 19  |
| Stanwich,         | 13 74   |
| eld,              | 77 00   |
| ost,              | 34 00   |
| Norwalk,          | 36 00   |
| ull,              | 83 00   |
| rd,               | 72 00   |
| gton,             | 25 00   |
| e,                | 15 00   |
| wn,               | 9 00    |
| eld,              | 23 18   |
| airfield,         | 30 00   |
| ry, 1st ch.,      | 54 00   |
| "                 | 50 00   |
| 2d ch.,           | 8 00    |
|                   | 50 00   |

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## WINDHAM COUNTY.

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Brooklyn,               | \$44 61 |
| Canterbury,             | 22 00   |
| Westminster,            | 5 00    |
| Killingly, North,       | 5 00    |
| " South,                | 11 00   |
| Mansfield, North,       | 15 00   |
| Plainfield, First ch.,  | 71 00   |
| " Central Vill.,        | 90 25   |
| Pomfret,                | 48 25   |
| Sterling and Voluntown, | 8 00    |
| Thompson 1st ch.,       | 44 75   |
| Quinnebaug,             | 20 00   |
| Windham, 1st.,          | 14 00   |
| " Scotland,             | 18 00   |
| " Willimantic,          | 15 75   |
| Woodstock, South,       | 18 00   |
| " West,                 | 3 00    |
| " North,                | 50 51   |

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## LITCHFIELD COUNTY.

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Litchfield, 1st ch., | 54 50  |
| South Farms,         | 55 63  |
| Milton,              | 3 50   |
| Canaan, North,       | 55 00  |
| " South,             | 16 00  |
| Colebrook,           | 19 45  |
| West Corn,           | 16 00  |
| Ellsworth,           | 7 16   |
| Goshen,              | 42 00  |
| Kent,                | 34 00  |
| New Hartford,        | 2 00   |
| Norfolk,             | 80 00  |
| Salisbury,           | 79 00  |
| Watertown,           | 87 11  |
| Woodbury, South,     | 50 50  |
| " North,             | 47 00  |
| County Convention,   | 30 00  |
| Torrington,          | 30 00  |
| Torrington,          | 25 83  |
| Warren,              | 28 00  |
| Winchester           | 27 50  |
| Winsted,             | 62 16  |
| Wolcottville,        | 50 00  |
| Bethlem,             | 47 00  |
| Harwinton,           | 50 00  |
| New Milford,         | 70 00  |
| Plymouth,            | 106 00 |
| Plymouth Hollow,     | 29 00  |
| Sherman,             | 29 00  |
| Southbury,           | 24 00  |
| South Britain,       | 46 00  |
| Washington.          | 27 00  |



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| Church of the Pilgrims | should read | \$2,276 00. |
| " " Puritans           | " "         | 1,602 93.   |

## LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

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|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| New-York Eastern ch.,              | 50 00     |
| “ Free ch.,                        | 21 00     |
| “ 4th ch.,                         | 75 00     |
| “ Tabernacle ch.,                  | 721 00    |
| “ Union ch.,                       | 100 00    |
| “ Welsh ch.,                       | 21 51     |
| Owego,                             | 30 00     |
| Patchogue,                         | 8 00      |
| Penn Yan,                          | 44 00     |
| Perry Center,                      | 20 00     |
| Peterboro Free ch.,                | 16 00     |
| Pierrepont, 1st. ch.,              | 2 00      |
| Poughkeepsie,                      | 100 00    |
| Randolph,                          | 13 00     |
| Riverhead,                         | 18 00     |
| Rodman,                            | 58 00     |
| Rutland ch.,                       | 35 75     |
| Sherman, 1st ch.,                  | 15 50     |
| Smyrna,                            | 13 00     |
| Spencerport,                       | 5 00      |
| Stockholm, East,                   | 30 00     |
| Walton, 2d,                        | 10 00     |
| Warsaw,                            | 211 00    |
| Whitehall,                         | 9 00      |
| Williamsburgh, 1st ch.,            | 20 00     |
| “ N. E. ch.,                       | 34 25     |
| Union, Center,                     | 5 00      |
| Abbott, Rev. G. D.,                | 5 00      |
| Abbott, W. E., Syracuse,           | 5 00      |
| Baker, D., Newton,                 | 5 00      |
| Ball, J. M.,                       | 1 00      |
| Bennett, J., Lancaster,            | 50 00     |
| Bowen & McNamee N. Y.,             | 10,000 00 |
| Elmore Z. W.,                      | 120 00    |
| Hopkins, H. A. & Bro. Prattsburch, | 5 00      |
| Kellogg, Rev. —, Hagaman Mills,    | 2 00      |
| Pyncheon, Mr.,                     | 3 00      |
| A Theological Student,             | 50 00     |
| A Friend,                          | 3 00      |
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| \$20,394 64                        |           |

## NEW JERSEY.

|                                |        |
|--------------------------------|--------|
| Bloomfield West,               | 40 00  |
| Chester,                       | 25 00  |
| Newark,                        | 165 00 |
| Paterson Free Presbyterian Ch, | 29 00  |
| Passenger J. B., (Dover,)      | 20 00  |
| Segar T. B.,                   | 10 00  |
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| \$289 00                       |        |

## PENNSYLVANIA.

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Ellensburg,                 | 28 00 |
| Balch H. B., (Meddville,)   | 1 00  |
| Thomas Margaret, (Shohola,) | 6 00  |
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| \$35 00                     |       |

## OHIO.

|                     |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| Akron,              | 32 03  |
| Be'l vino,          | 35 00  |
| Belpre,             | 11 00  |
| Brecksville,        | 3 33   |
| Brighton,           | 7 25   |
| Bucyrus,            | 24 97  |
| Cuyahoga Falls,     | 73 50  |
| Cleveland 1st Ch.,  | 72 94  |
| Cootville,          | 25 00  |
| Franklin Mills,     | 10 00  |
| Guilford,           | 21 69  |
| Hudson,             | 23 00  |
| La'ayette,          | 6 57   |
| Madison,            | 6 00   |
| Mansfield,          | 50 00  |
| Marietta,           | 101 22 |
| Middlebury,         | 3 65   |
| Oberlin,            | 74 66  |
| Sandusky,           | 12 00  |
| Springfield,        | 10 00  |
| Sycamore,           | 9 35   |
| Thompson,           | 15 00  |
| Williamsfield West, | 10 00  |
| York,               | 20 25  |
| Goodman R.,         | 10 00  |
| Putnam D. Harmar,   | 100 00 |
| Putnam David,       | 200 00 |
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| \$968 41            |        |
| Less expenses       | 11 47  |
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## INDIANA.

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| Clear Creek,         | 5 00  |
| Michigan City,       | 15 00 |
| Terre Haute 1st Ch., | 50 00 |
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## ILLINOIS.

|                 |       |
|-----------------|-------|
| Albany,         | 12 00 |
| Aurora,         | 6 00  |
| Babcocks Grove, | 5 33  |
| Barry,          | 5 00  |

|                  |           | MICHIGAN.                     |          |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Batavia,         | 54 00     | Alamo,                        | 2 40     |
| Big Rock,        | 6 00      | Almont,                       | 6 71     |
| Bloomingtondale, | 15 00     | Augusta,                      | 15 00    |
| Bristol,         | 11 69     | Chesterfield,                 | 5 00     |
| Byron,           | 11 00     | Columbus,                     | 1 75     |
| Cambridge,       | 10 00     | Cooper,                       | 5 60     |
| Chicago 1st Ch., | 62 64     | Detroit,                      | 183 50   |
| Como,            | 10 00     | Genesee,                      | 5 00     |
| Crete,           | 3 00      | Grand Rapids,                 | 26 00    |
| Crystal Lake,    | 10 32     | Greenville,                   | 10 00    |
| Danby,           | 2 42      | Hartford,                     | 5 00     |
| Elgin,           | 14 00     | Hartland,                     | 7 00     |
| Farmington,      | 40 00     | Howell,                       | 15 00    |
| Flag Creek,      | 5 53      | Jackson,                      | 50 50    |
| Galesburg,       | 46 60     | Keeleersville,                | 7 00     |
| Gap Grove,       | 1 00      | Litchfield,                   | 21 00    |
| Genesee,         | 14 00     | London,                       | 4 00     |
| Griggsville,     | 28 00     | Medina,                       | 9 46     |
| Hadley,          | 22 00     | Niles,                        | 10 00    |
| Hampton,         | 11 00     | Northville,                   | 5 72     |
| Jacksonville,    | 50 00     | Raisinville,                  | 11 00    |
| Jericho,         | 7 00      | Richmond,                     | 4 25     |
| Knoxville,       | 10 00     | Romeo,                        | 25 00    |
| Lafayette,       | 7 25      | St. Clair,                    | 30 00    |
| Lamoille,        | 6 00      | Wheatland,                    | 10 00    |
| Lawn Ridge,      | 8 00      | Rec. from Rev. L. S., Hobart, | 146 21   |
| Lee Center,      | 19 00     |                               |          |
| Libertyville,    | 10 25     |                               | \$622 10 |
| Lockport,        | 14 00     | Less expences                 | 5 10     |
| Lyndon,          | 18 00     |                               | \$617 00 |
| Metamora,        | 8 00      |                               |          |
| Millbourn,       | 8 00      |                               |          |
| Moh.n.,          | 13 03     |                               |          |
| Naperville,      | 8 54      |                               |          |
| Newtown,         | 6 00      |                               |          |
| Ottawa,          | 65 00     |                               |          |
| Pittsfield,      | 109 42    |                               |          |
| Plainfield,      | 15 00     |                               |          |
| Plum Grove,      | 10 00     |                               |          |
| Port Byron,      | 11 25     |                               |          |
| Princetown,      | 13 00     |                               |          |
| Providence,      | 9 30      |                               |          |
| Quincy 1st Ch.,  | 64 50     |                               |          |
| " Centre Ch.,    | 18 00     |                               |          |
| Riley,           | 2 00      |                               |          |
| Ringwood,        | 7 75      |                               |          |
| Rockford,        | 30 00     |                               |          |
| " 2nd Ch.,       | 123 00    |                               |          |
| Round Prairie,   | 10 00     |                               |          |
| St Charles,      | 15 00     |                               |          |
| Sycamore,        | 3 35      |                               |          |
| Toulon,          | 7 00      |                               |          |
| Udina,           | 3 00      |                               |          |
| Union Grove,     | 5 00      |                               |          |
| Vermillionville, | 6 00      |                               |          |
| Weatherfield,    | 7 00      |                               |          |
| A Fr.end,        | 25 00     |                               |          |
|                  | \$1138 47 |                               |          |
|                  |           | IOWA.                         |          |
|                  |           | Anamosa,                      | 7 00     |
|                  |           | Bellevue,                     | 20 00    |
|                  |           | Burlington,                   | 50 00    |
|                  |           | Cascade,                      | 7 00     |
|                  |           | Centertown Ger. Evan,         | 1 60     |
|                  |           | Colesburg,                    | 10 00    |
|                  |           | Cottonville,                  | 7 90     |
|                  |           | Crawfordsville,               | 8 00     |
|                  |           | Danville,                     | 21 50    |
|                  |           | Davenport,                    | 25 00    |
|                  |           | Deep Creek,                   | 3 25     |
|                  |           | Denmark,                      | 68 00    |
|                  |           | Dubuque,                      | 82 75    |
|                  |           | " Ger. Evan,                  | 25 50    |
|                  |           | Durango,                      | 12 00    |
|                  |           | Eddysville,                   | 5 00     |
|                  |           | Fairfield,                    | 5 00     |
|                  |           | Farmington,                   | 5 00     |
|                  |           | Garnavillo,                   | 14 20    |
|                  |           | Keosauqua,                    | 8 00     |
|                  |           | Knoxville,                    | 20 50    |
|                  |           | Long Creek,                   | 2 00     |
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| ie du Lac,             | 6 00    |
| ie and Pine Grove,     | 4 00    |
| ndale,                 | 20 00   |
| oygan,                 | 6 00    |
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| Sun Prairie,            | 20 50 |
| Waterloo,               | 5 00  |
| Watertown,              | 5 55  |
| Wawatosa,               | 17 80 |
| West Troy,              | 12 00 |
| Whitewater,             | 26 00 |
| 2 individuals, Madison, | 2 00  |
| 1 " Willow Creek,       | 1 00  |

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## SUMMARY.

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| Maine,         | \$2,191 47 |
| New-Hampshire, | 1,685 03   |
| Vermont,       | 2,642 07   |
| Massachusetts, | 14,227 23  |
| Rhode Island,  | 1,466 87   |
| Connecticut,   | 12,398 43  |
| New-York,      | 20,394 64  |
| New-Jersey,    | 289 00     |
| Pennsylvania,  | 35 00      |
| Ohio,          | 956 94     |
| Indiana,       | 70 20      |
| Illinois,      | 1,138 47   |
| Michigan,      | 617 00     |
| Iowa,          | 572 44     |
| Wisconsin,     | 599 81     |
| Minnesota,     | 16 50      |
| Missouri,      | 100 00     |
| New-Brunswick, | 41 00      |
| England,       | 125 00     |

Total, expenses de'd, \$59,567 10

Interest to June 18, 342 43

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## THE CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION.

Held at Albany, on the 5th, 6th 7th and 8th days of October, 1852.

In accordance with a call issued by direction of the General Association of New York, a Convention of Ministers and Delegates of Congregational Churches in the United States, assembled at Albany, New York, on Tuesday, the 5th day of October, 1852, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Committee to nominate Permanent Officers of the Convention, made their report as follows, which was adopted :

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| Rev. WM. T. DWIGHT, D. D., of Maine, | <i>President.</i>         |
| Rev. NOAH PORTER, D. D., of Conn.,   | } <i>Vice-Presidents.</i> |
| Rev. ASA TURNER, Iowa,               |                           |
| Rev. R. S. STORRS, Jr., of New York, | } <i>Secretaries.</i>     |
| Rev. J. C. HOLBROOK, of Iowa,        |                           |
| Rev. L. SMITH HOBART, of Michigan.   |                           |

The Convention re-assembled at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., for public worship. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. HAWES, from 1 Cor. 2:2. "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." Rev. J. H. LINSLEY, D. D., aided in the opening exercises, and Rev. L. BEECHER, D. D., offered the closing prayer.

The Business Committee reported, in part, the following items, for discussion in the Convention :—

1. The construction and practical operation of the " Plan of Union between Presbyterians and Congregationalists," agreed upon by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, and the General Association of Connecticut, in 1801.
2. The building of Church Edifices at the West.

3. The system and operations of the American Home Missionary Society.

The Convention then adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, Oct. 6th.

A Prayer Meeting was held at 8 o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. C. LANSING, D. D.

At 9 o'clock, the Convention was called to order by the President, and opened with singing and prayer.

The thanks of the Convention were offered to Rev. J. HAWES, D. D., for his sermon before the body last evening, and a copy was requested for publication.

The Business Committee recommended that the first item—the Plan of Union—be referred to a Committee, of two from New England, and one from each of the other States represented in this body ; and, by vote, it was so ordered.

In relation to the second item, the following resolution was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That a Committee of five be appointed, to take into consideration the subject of aiding feeble churches at the West, in building Church-edifices ; and, if the Committee shall see fit, to report a plan for the same.

The Business Committee recommended that the item of business No. 3,—concerning the system and operations of the American Home Missionary Society,—be referred to a Committee, of one from each State represented in this body ; and that all resolutions respecting the withdrawal of aid from churches in the slaveholding States be also referred to that Committee.

It was voted to take up for consideration, item No. 4, on the docket :—The intercourse between the Congregationalists of New England and those of other States. Upon this subject, the following preamble and resolutions were introduced :—

*Whereas*, for several years, insinuations and charges of heresy in doctrine, and of disorder in practice, have been made against Congregationalists at the

West, frequently too vague in their character, and too general and sweeping in their aim, to admit of refutation; and

*Whereas*, Congregationalism at the West has thereby suffered greatly in the estimation of Congregationalists in New England, and of many other Christians; therefore,

*Resolved*, First: That it is the duty of Congregationalists to frown upon all such accusations, unless their authors or abettors will make specific allegations, and hold themselves responsible for the same.

*Resolved*, Secondly: That it is very important that the General Associations, Conferences, and Conventions at the East, be careful to send Delegates to the General Associations at the West, that they may obtain reliable information respecting Western Congregationalism.

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#### THURSDAY MORNING, October 7th.

A Prayer Meeting was held at 8 o'clock, A. M., conducted by Rev. G. A. CALHOUN, D. D.

At 9 A. M., the Convention was called to order, and opened with devotional exercises.

The Committee on aiding in the erection of Church Edifices at the West, submitted their Report, which was accepted; and after discussion and amendment, the Convention Resolved:—

That the "Plan for raising FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS for the erection of Congregational Church Edifices at the West," be approved and adopted by this Convention; and that it be recommended to the consideration of the Congregational Pastors and Churches throughout the United States.

#### **Plan for raising \$50,000 for aiding in the erection of Church-edifices at the West.**

I. On the first Sabbath in January, 1853, all the Congregational Churches in the United States shall be requested to take up collections, as a New Year's offering, to aid in erecting Congregational Churches in Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Minnesota; this Convention recommending to all Pastors of Congregational Churches to preach on the subject, on the said Sabbath, and urge liberal contributions.

II. This Convention shall appoint seven persons, in the city of New York and vicinity, to act as a Central Committee, to receive the money and distri-

bute the same as hereinafter provided; with power to fill vacancies in their body, and in the State Committees, the appointment of which by this body is hereinafter provided for.

III. This Convention shall appoint a Committee of three persons in each State, who shall have the general supervision of raising money within their borders, causing notices to be published in the newspapers, and urging all the Churches to do their part; said State Committees to receive the moneys when collected, and forward the same to the Central Committee.

IV. When all the moneys raised shall be received by the Central Committee, if the same shall amount to less than \$50,000, the Central Committee, if they deem it expedient, shall use further means to make up that amount.

V. When said sum of \$50,000 shall be received by the Central Committee, or when all the collections and subscriptions made shall be paid over to them, then said Central Committee shall apportion the same to each of the Western States and Territories, as follows, to wit:—

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| To the State of Ohio.....     | 8000 dollars. |
| “ “ of Michigan.....          | 8000 “        |
| “ “ of Wisconsin.....         | 8000 “        |
| “ “ of Iowa.....              | 8000 “        |
| “ “ of Indiana.....           | 3000 “        |
| “ “ of Illinois.....          | 8000 “        |
| “ “ of Missouri.....          | 3000 “        |
| “ Territory of Minnesota..... | 4000 “        |

VI. After the money has been apportioned, and before it is paid over, the General Congregational body, where one exists, in each of the foregoing States and Territory, shall appoint a Committee of five, two of whom shall be laymen, to receive the sum apportioned to the State or Territory. Or, in those States where there is no general body distinctively Congregational, the State Committee provided for in Article III, shall call a Convention, of the Pastors and Stated Supplies of the Congregational Churches in such States respectively, with one lay delegate from each Church, who shall choose a Committee as aforesaid, to receive and appropriate the money apportioned to the State.

VII. Should there be a surplus, over and above the aforesaid sum of \$50,000, the same shall be appropriated, under the direction of the Central Committee, towards the erection of Congregational Churches in the foregoing and other States and Territories.

VIII. No money shall be used for any other purpose than the erection of houses for Religious Worship.

IX. No money shall be applied to aid in erecting any Church-edifice or place of worship, unless the Committee appointed by the State Convention shall be satisfied that said Church-edifice will be completed free from all debts



and encumbrances, and that aid is necessary to complete its erection ; nor shall any of the funds thus collected be granted to any Church or Society for the erection of a house of worship, (except in cases which the Committee may deem peculiar,) unless the available subscription of the Church or Society applying for the same, shall amount to at least twice the sum for which they apply.

X. No sum exceeding Three Hundred Dollars, shall be given for the erection of any one house of worship.

XI. Money may be loaned for a limited time, on proper security, instead of being given as a donation, whenever the State Committee shall deem this expedient.

XII. Other Regulations and Rules, not inconsistent with the foregoing,—as providing for the supply of vacancies occasioned by deaths or removals in State Committees, fixing their terms of office, prescribing the keeping of records, the making of reports, &c., &c.—may be adopted at the discretion of each State General Association or Convention.

The Convention adopted also the following resolution, to accompany the preceding Report :—

*Resolved*, That, in the judgement of this Convention, it is expedient that the Central Committee constituted for the aid of Churches at the West, in erecting Houses of Worship, procure plans of suitable edifices, with specifications and estimates, to be shown to Committees and others concerned in those enterprises, with a view to promoting convenience, economy and good taste, in the design and execution of the work ; and, further, that before aid is granted, the State Committee be made acquainted with the plan and specifications of the buildings proposed to be erected, with liberty to insist on conformity, so far as they shall think expedient, to their directions.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were read and unanimously adopted, in reference to THE MAINE LAW :—

Assembled as we are from various and distant portions of our great Republic, and deeply interested in whatever promotes the morality, the order, the peace and prosperity of our country : We, the members of this Convention, feel it a privilege and duty to unite in the following Resolution :—

*Resolved*, That the recent adoption by three States and one Territory, and the favorable action, of a Law which suppresses and roots out the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage, called the Maine Law, is, in our opinion, an event, in the good providence of God, which calls for the gratitude and support of all who love their country and their race ; and that all Congregational Ministers and Churches be earnestly requested to stand forth prominent in favor of this legislation in their respective States and Territories, and continually to make supplication to Almighty God that the good work of re-

demption from one of the most demoralizing and desolating evils with which we are afflicted, so happily commenced, may speedily be perfected throughout our country and throughout the world.

The Convention then adjourned, till 3 P. M.

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THURSDAY, 3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention assembled, and opened its session with singing a hymn.

The discussion on the Report concerning the Plan of Union, was resumed ; and it terminated in the unanimous adoption of the Report, as follows :—

The Committee on the Plan of Union, report the following Preamble and Resolutions, for the consideration of this Convention :—

*Whereas*, the Plan of Union formed in 1801, by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and the General Association of Connecticut, is understood to have been repudiated by the said Assembly before the schism in that body of 1838, though this year acknowledged as still in force by the General Assembly which met last at Washington, D. C. ; and

*Whereas*, many of our Presbyterian brethren, though adhering to this Plan in some of its provisions, do not, it is believed, maintain it in its integrity ; especially in virtually requiring Congregational Ministers settled over Presbyterian Churches and Congregational Churches having Presbyterian Ministers, to be connected with Presbyteries ; and

*Whereas*, whatever mutual advantage has formerly resulted from this Plan to the two denominations, and whatever might yet result from it if acted upon impartially, its operation is now unfavorable to the spread and permanence of the Congregational polity, and even to the real harmony of these Christian communities :—

*Resolved*, 1st. That in the judgement of this Convention it is not deemed expedient that new Congregational Churches, or Churches heretofore independent, become connected with Presbyteries.

2d. That in the evident disuse of the said Plan, according to its original design, we deem it important, and for the purposes of union sufficient, that Congregationalists and Presbyterians exercise toward each other that spirit of love which the Gospel requires, and which their common faith is fitted to cherish ; that they accord to each other the right of pre-occupancy, where but one Church can be maintained ; and that, in the formation of such a Church, its ecclesiastical character and relations be determined by a majority of its members.

3d. That in respect to those Congregational Churches which are now connected with Presbyteries,—either on the above mentioned Plan, or on those of 1808 and 1813, between Congregational and Presbyterian bodies in the State of New York,—while we would not have them violently sever their existing relations, we counsel them to maintain vigilantly the Congregational privileges which have been guaranteed them by the Plans above mentioned, and to see to it that while they remain connected with Presbyteries, the true intent of those original arrangements be impartially carried out.

The Committee on “the System and Operations of the American Home Missionary Society,” made the following Report, which was unanimously adopted :—

The Committee to whom was referred the “system and operations of the American Home Missionary Society,” together with all Resolutions respecting Missionary aid to Churches in the Slaveholding States, report :—

That your Committee are unanimous in their approbation of the voluntary and unsectarian character of the American Home Missionary Society, and of the wisdom and efficiency with which its affairs have been conducted.

On the subject of the Society’s relation to the Presbyterian and Congregational systems of Church polity, your Committee are of opinion that any disruption of present relations is inadvisable.

The Committee express their belief that this Society has executed its trust towards both Congregational and Presbyterian Churches with impartiality ; and that any complaints on this head will be found to result from local interests, and not from the administrative policy of the Society.

The subject of Missionary aid to Churches in Slaveholding States having been referred to the same Committee, the following report was presented, which was unanimously adopted :—

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Convention, it is the tendency of the Gospel, wherever it is preached in its purity, to correct all social evils, and to destroy sin in all its forms ; and that it is the duty of Missionary Societies to grant aid to churches in slaveholding States, in the support of such ministers only as shall so preach the Gospel, and inculcate the principles and application of Gospel discipline, that, with the blessing of God, it shall have its full effect in awakening and enlightening the moral sense in regard to Slavery, and in bringing to pass the speedy abolition of that stupendous wrong ; and that, wherever a minister is not permitted so to preach, he should, in accordance with the directions of Christ in such cases, “depart out of that city.”

The Convention then adjourned, to meet at 8 o’clock to-morrow morning.

The Committee on Nominations recommended that the following individuals be appointed on the Central and State Committees, under the plan to aid in the erection of Church edifices at the West, and, by vote, they were so appointed :—

## CENTRAL COMMITTEE,

*In New-York and vicinity.*—Henry C. Bowen, Rev. C. B. Cheever, D. D., Israel Miner, Rev. R. S. Storrs, Jr., S. B. Chittenden, O. E. Wood, Rev. N. H. Eggleston.

## STATE COMMITTEES.

*Maine.*—Rev. W. T. Dwight, D. D., Rev. J. W. Chickering, Levi Cutter, Portland.

*New Hampshire.*—Rev. N. Bouton, D. D., George Hutchins, Rev. B. P. Stone, Concord.

*Vermont.*—Rev. Silas Aiken, D. D., Rutland; Rev. Chas. Walker, D. D., Pittsford; William Nash, New Haven.

*Massachusetts.*—Rev. Edward Beecher, D. D., Boston; Rev. Elam Smalley, D. D., Worcester; Dea. Julius Palmer, Boston.

*Rhode Island.*—Rev. Jona Leavitt, A. C. Barstow, Benjamin Dyer, Providence.

*Connecticut.*—Rev. Joel Hawes, D. D., Hartford; Rev. Leonard Bacon, D. D., Timothy Dwight, New Haven.

*New-York.*—Rev. H. W. Beecher, Brooklyn; Rev. O. E. Daggett, Canandaigua; Hon. B. R. Wood, Albany.

*New Jersey.*—Rev. S. D. Cochrane, Paterson; Rev. Charles Beecher, Dr. J. M. Ward, Newark.

*Ohio.*—Rev. J. C. Hart, Hudson; Rev. T. Adams, Thompson; H. B. Spellman, Cleveland.

*Michigan.*—Rev. H. D. Kitchell, Detroit; Rev. L. S. Hobart, Ann Arbor; Francis Raymond, Detroit.

*Illinois.*—Rev. F. Bascom, Galesburg; Rev. Wm. Carter, Pittsfield; Philo Carpenter, Chicago.

*Indiana.*—Rev. M. A. Jewett, Rev. L. H. Rice, Henry Ross, Terre Haute.

*Wisconsin.*—Rev. J. J. Miter, Milwaukee; Rev. L. S. Clapp, Wawatosa; E. D. Holton, Milwaukee.

*Iowa.*—Rev. J. C. Holbrook, Dubuque; Rev. E. Adams, Davenport; H. A. Wiltze, Dubuque.

*Minnesota.*—Rev. Charles Seccombe, St. Anthony; Rev. Richard Hall, Major Furber, Pt. Douglas.

The Business Committee reported the following resolution in reference to the calling of a future Convention, which was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That the President, the Vice Presidents, and the Secretaries of this Convention, be appointed a Committee, with power to call another General Convention in the year 1855, or previously, at such place as they may designate—provided, that in their deliberate opinion such a Convention shall be expedient.

The subjoined resolutions, being also introduced by the Business Committee, were successively considered and adopted by the Convention :—

#### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Whereas*, The friends of Congregationalism in Washington city have taken measures for establishing a Congregational Church in that city, and, have purchased a commodious house of worship in an eligible situation, near the City Hall :—

*Resolved*, That this Convention look with great interest to the success of the enterprise of planting the religious institutions of our fathers in the National Capital; and we commend the object to the attention of our brethren, for their prayers, and for such pecuniary aid as it may need during its infancy.

#### REPUBLICATION OF CONGREGATIONAL WORKS.

*Resolved*, That this Convention recognizes with gratitude the republication of the collected works of Bellamy, Hopkins, the younger Edwards, and the venerable John Robinson, by the Doctrinal Tract and Book Society of Massachusetts, and the intended republication of the works of other fathers of American Congregationalism.

*Resolved*, That this Convention regards the extensive circulation of such works, among the ministers and churches of the Congregational polity, as an object of public interest and importance.

#### ON INCREASING THE NUMBER OF MINISTERS.

*Resolved*, That in view of the alarming disproportion between the increase of our population and the increase of ministers of the Gospel, it is recommended to the churches to inquire who among their youthful members are qualified, by natural gifts and by the grace of the Spirit, for the service of

God in the Gospel of his Son, and to encourage and aid such persons in preparing themselves for that work.

*Resolved*, Also, that this Convention cordially approves of the aim and the operations of the American Education Society, and commends it to the favor of the Churches.

#### SUPPORT OF COLLEGES AT THE WEST.

*Whereas*, Many colleges exist at the West which are under the control of Boards of Trust, composed of Congregationalists and Presbyterians, and which came into being under the auspices, and have been founded and sustained by the common funds of these two denominations :—

*Resolved*, That, in the judgment of this Convention, the interests of sound learning, and of Christian truth, and the mutual prosperity of these denominations, alike demand the perpetuation of this union.

#### DUTIES OF A CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

*Resolved*, That every Congregational Church should regard itself as bound to care and labor continually for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ within its own parochial sphere ; and to build itself up, not by inroads upon other Evangelical Churches, but by training up its own children in the faith and service of our Lord Jesus Christ, by promoting the intelligence, order and piety of all the households associated with them, and by systematic efforts in the spirit of Christian love, to enlighten, evangelize and save the neglected, the ignorant and the unbelieving.

#### SPECIAL PRESENT CALLS FOR SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

*Resolved*, That in an age when so much is to be done for the salvation of our country and for the diffusion of the Gospel throughout the world, and when the wealth of our country is developed and increased with a rapidity which threatens to overwhelm the Churches with a tide of worldliness, it is of the utmost importance for the Churches to discipline themselves to habits of Christian activity, and of systematic contribution to the great enterprises of Christian beneficence.

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body be presented to our presiding officer, for the gentlemanly, prompt and efficient manner in which he has moderated this large Convention, during its deliberation and action upon subjects of great importance to the cause of God and to the interests of man.

The following resolutions were also unanimously adopted, the whole Convention rising in their places, in express approbation of their spirit and terms :—

THE PURPOSE AND AIM OF THIS CONGREGATIONAL CONVENTION.

*Resolved*, That the polity of the Congregational Churches, being eminently simple and scriptural, is and must be essentially spiritual and unsectarian.

*Resolved*, That while this Convention rejoices in the prosperity of Congregationalism, especially in the fields of its more recent enterprise, and in the prospect of its still more rapid and vigorous growth as the result of these counsels and deliberations, yet we here distinctly disclaim and disavow all merely sectarian zeal ; and do profess it to be our object, one and sole, to promote, through the Congregational polity, and hence in the freest and most efficient manner, the World's salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The last resolution adopted was as follows :—

GOD'S HAND IN THIS CONVENTION.

*Resolved*, That we gratefully and devoutly recognize the overruling providence of God, in the calling of this Convention, in the measures which have been adopted by it, and in the entire harmony of its counsels and its results.

The business of the Convention being completed, the minutes were read and approved. Prayer was offered, the doxology was sung, and the Convention adjourned.

## CONGREGATIONAL SOCIETIES.

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### AMERICAN CONGREGATIONAL UNION.

For an account of the Origin, Constitution and Officers of the Union, the reader is referred to pages 31—33, of this volume. This additional notice is inserted that it may take its appropriate place among the Societies which should have the sympathy and aid of the Churches of our denomination throughout the wide field which it aims to make more beautiful and more fruitful by bringing all who labor in it into closer and more efficient union.

Some of the modes in which this Society may be effectually sustained, are mentioned in the statement above referred to. It may be added that Churches may render valuable and needed aid by making their pastors life members. It is hoped that Pastors will endeavor to engage their people on its behalf, that its power for good may rapidly and largely increase.

The rooms of the Society are in Clinton Hall, corner of Beekman and Nassau streets. Communications should be addressed to Rev. T. Atkinson, Sec. Am. Cong. Union, New-York, to whom orders for the YEAR-BOOK may be addressed. If to be sent by mail, stamps should be enclosed.

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### CONGREGATIONAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION:

NO. 12 TREMONT TEMPLE, BOSTON.

This Institution was founded in Boston in the month of February, 1851. Its main object was the same then as now; but its operations were more restricted till May 5, 1853, when



measures were taken to extend its privileges to the whole body of Evangelical Congregationalists, and to invite their co-operation.

The following is an epitome of the Constitution and By-Laws: Its object is to found and perpetuate a Library of Books, Pamphlets, and Manuscripts, and a collection of portraits, and whatever else shall serve to illustrate Puritan history, and promote the general interests of Congregationalism; as also to secure the erection of a suitable building for its library, its meetings, and the general purposes of the body.

It embraces "ministers and laymen connected with the churches of the Orthodox Congregational denomination, paying each one dollar, as a condition of membership." Others may be elected as honorary members, with equal rights and privileges, except that of voting.

The annual meeting comes "on the Tuesday preceding the fourth Wednesday in May, (the week of Boston Anniversaries,) at 12 o'clock M.; and on the same day, at 4 o'clock P. M., provision is made for "a sermon, oration, or address, by some member elected by ballot at the previous annual meeting." This is followed the next day by a "collation, accompanied by such exercises as the Directors may prescribe." There are also three other meetings of the Association each year, viz: on the last Tuesday of August, November and February, at 3 o'clock P. M., in the Library room, devoted to such exercises as may be determined at the time, or assigned at a previous meeting; notice of the same to be published in the Boston papers on the week preceding.

The Board of Directors, who are "charged with the general interests of the Association," meet monthly, "make a report of their doings for the year at each Annual meeting of the Association, and suggest such measures for the action of the body as in their judgment the welfare of the Institution requires."

The Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, who are also on the Board of Directors, attend to the functions usually connected with those offices.

It is made the duty of the Librarian to keep a complete catalogue of all the books, pamphlets, manuscripts, periodicals and portraits belonging to the Library, with the names of the donors annexed ; to arrange them on shelves or in cases most convenient for reference, and see that the room is rendered attractive to those who desire to avail themselves of its privileges.

Since the reorganization in May, about four hundred and fifty members have been enrolled, located in all parts of the Continent where Congregational Churches are found, from California to Canada. There have been already gathered into the Library some fifteen hundred volumes, and more than four thousand pamphlets, including deposits made by the American Statistical Association, and a few private individuals, besides many duplicate numbers and incomplete sets of old periodicals. A valuable assortment of daily, weekly and monthly periodicals, now issuing from the press, are supplied gratuitously by the publishers. The manuscript department, though not yet large, contains some rare specimens ; and portraits of the Fathers are beginning to adorn the walls of the Library. The room is open all hours of the day, (Sundays excepted,) and the Librarian on hand to assist the enquiries of those who wish to consult him.

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THE DOCTRINAL TRACT AND BOOK SOCIETY,

HEREAFTER TO TAKE THE NAME OF

## THE CONGREGATIONAL BOARD OF PUBLICATION.

It will be seen by the advertisement of this Society, that it has already made considerable progress in the publication of those works the diffusion of which is one object of the American Congregational Union. Several most valuable standard works have been stereotyped and published, which ought to be in every parochial and pastoral library, and the Society is now enlarging its means and extending its efforts. It has already sent an entire set of its publications to all the Congregational Churches in Michigan which have pastors,—to most of the pastors in Iowa, and to some in Illinois and Wisconsin.

That the name may be more appropriate, it has been changed, and made more distinct and comprehensive. The number of its executive officers will also be enlarged, in order to secure the combined wisdom and influence of the different sections of the country, and it will publish such works as are needed and adapted "to promote the progress and well-working of the Congregational Church Polity." Having already accomplished a great and good work, and being now prepared to enter upon a wider field, with greatly augmented power, we doubt not this Society will be worthy to be known and sustained as the CONGREGATIONAL BOOK SOCIETY.

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## MASSACHUSETTS SABBATH SCHOOL SOCIETY.

This Society was organized June 1, 1832;—the Mass. Sabbath School Union having been dissolved on the previous day, after much deliberation, and with great unanimity. It originated in no factious, controversial, or narrow, exclusive denominational spirit. It came into being from a deep-felt want, well

considered, that the children of our churches, in every department of their religious education, should be instructed in *all* those great principles of faith and practice, which the early fathers of New England, believed and taught, and to which our churches, in all charity to those differing from them, still cling with the unyielding tenacity of unwavering belief in their scriptural truth.

Nearly every denomination has now its own distinct Sabbath School organization, through which its churches and schools make most of their donations for promoting the cause and furnishing its own Sabbath School literature. It is felt that if there is any good reason for each denomination to have its distinct churches and ministry, there is an equally good reason for having its distinct Sabbath School operations. This institution is the *nursery* of the church. To its members every church looks for her future enlargement. But if the children are left untaught in regard to all those truths which are distinctive, what security has she that another will not gather the harvest from the seed which she has herself sown and nurtured? If the truths and principles that are distinctive to any given denomination, are not of sufficient importance to have them taught to the young—to those by whom the churches of that denomination are to be replenished and perpetuated—then they are not of sufficient importance to justify the *existence* of that denomination. Never was there more real christian love, union, and zeal, in the Sabbath School cause, than there has been since each denomination has been doing its own work in its own way.

The union of parents and children, of old and young, in every Sabbath School, is an object at which this Society has constantly aimed. An examination of its yearly reports will show that from *one-quarter* to *two-thirds* of the members of very many of the schools connected with the Society, especially in Mass., have been over eighteen years of age. In many schools may be seen from two or three to six or eight large classes of *young men*, and a larger number of young women. There are probably connected with the Congregational Sabbath Schools in Mass. alone, more than 20,000 scholars over 18 years of age.

This peculiarity in the schools in New England, presents one important reason for a distinct Sabbath School organization, and a distinct Sabbath School literature. The 2d part of the SCRIPTURE QUESTIONS was prepared to meet the wants of the older and more mature members of the schools, and the result has shown the wisdom of the plan. Teachers and aged pupils have derived from this series the most valuable assistance in an acquaintance with divine truth.

A missionary in Michigan, acknowledging the receipt of some of the books of the Society, says—"Let Puritan *principles and theology* spread over the fertile plains of the *spreading West*, and our country is not only safe, but she shall also, in the hands of God, become an instrument in the salvation of world. What more efficient instrumentality, the living ministry only excepted, than the invaluable productions of the MASSACHUSETTS SABBATH SCHOOL SOCIETY, containing *truth*, with the least admixture of error incident to human agency, commending itself to the mind, when it is most susceptible of the liveliest and most lasting impressions?"

See advertising pages for a list of some its publications.

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### AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Report speaks of the past year as one of comparative prosperity and success. The receipts, and the number of young men aided, are somewhat larger than for several previous years. There is a decidedly increasing interest in the cause of ministerial education, giving promise of still more ample results in years to come. The minds of men are turning with new earnestness to this subject, and a deeper con-

viction is felt of the necessity of enlarged and vigorous effort in the work of raising up ministers of the Gospel.

The income of the Parent Society, from all sources, for the year ending April 30, 1853, was \$22,729 15. *Three hundred and eight* students were aided during the year from its treasury in Boston, who have been pursuing their studies in colleges and theological schools in various parts of the land, as follows:—Andover, Bangor, East Windsor, Yale, and Theol. Dep. of Wes. Res. Col.—Theological students, 131. The remainder connected with the following Colleges:—Amherst, Williams, Harvard, Brown University, Bowdoin, Dartmouth, Middlebury, University of Vermont, Yale, Western Reserve, University of Michigan, Wabash, Illinois, Knox, Iowa, and Beloit.

It is interesting to notice from whence they have been gathered. From Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee, Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, England, Scotland, Canada, and Constantinople.

During the same period the Philadelphia Education Society has had under its care fifty-three young men, twenty-six of whom were theological and the remainder collegiate students. In addition to which there is the Central Education Society, located at New York city, and the Western Education Society at Auburn, N. Y., which have to do almost exclusively with theological students, mainly in connection with the Union Seminary in New York city, and the Auburn Seminary.

Applications for aid were received from eighty-five new men, seventy-nine of whom were admitted. The number during the previous year was sixty-one, an encouraging advance, but one altogether inadequate to the increasing demands for ministerial labor.

The rooms of the Society are at No. 15 Cornhill, Boston.

## CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

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### AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The British and Foreign Bible Society was formed in the year 1804, and its influence began to be felt immediately over the entire Protestant world. In the United States it awakened inquiry, and led to the organization of similar associations. The first Bible Society in the New World was formed in Philadelphia in 1808, the second in Connecticut, and the third in Massachusetts in 1809. Other societies continued to spring up, until in 1816 it was ascertained that their number was about seventy.

The American Bible Society was formed on the second Wednesday of May, 1816. Its receipts during the first year amounted to \$37,779 35, and its issues 6,410 Bibles. For the last year—the thirty-seventh of its existence—its receipts were \$346,542 42, and its issues 260,381 Bibles, and 538,999 Testaments; total, 799,380.

The Society has printed and circulated nearly nine millions of Bibles and Testaments. It has also made pecuniary grants to aid in the publication of the Scriptures at various missionary stations in foreign lands, to the amount of nearly \$400,000.

Auxiliary Societies now extend from Maine to California and Oregon, and are about two thousand in number, with some four thousand minor branches, without which the American Bible Society could do but little towards supplying our country with the Scriptures.

The number of translations of the Scriptures, or parts of them, which have been made into the various languages and dialects, is not far from two hundred—all of which, except

about forty, have been made since the Bible Society era in 1804. In publishing twenty-five of them, the American Bible Society has been at the whole expense, and has assisted in publishing as many more.

The Bible Society Manual, from which this brief statement is compiled, contains a Compendium of Bible Societies in the world, from which it appears that seventy Societies have issued considerably over forty millions of Bibles and Testaments since 1804 ; and yet, eight hundred millions, or four-fifths of our fellow men are living in utter ignorance of this blessed book. If all the Bibles in the world were equally distributed among its inhabitants, there would be but one Bible for every twenty souls.

A visit, *on business*, to the New York Bible House, Astor Place, will well repay the visitor, especially if he has been careful to furnish himself with keys to the other religious and benevolent societies that cluster around this noble centre.



#### AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

uring the past year this Society has sent to their respective fields of labor 13 ordained missionaries, 3 male and 27 female assistant missionaries ; besides 10, who having spent some time in this country, have returned to their respective fields.

The receipts for the year ending July 31, from all sources, were \$314,922 ; the expenditures of the year, \$310,607. The receipts from mission churches and individuals in foreign lands, were \$12,905 ; of which sum \$6,458 were from the Sandwich Islands, and \$1,037 from the various Indian missions under the care of the Board.

Number of missions, 28 ; stations, 111 ; out-stations, 38. Number of ordained missionaries, (6 being physicians,) 157 ; physicians not ordained, 6 ; other male assistants, 20 ; female assistants, 205 ; whole number of laborers sent from this country, 389 ; native preachers, 39 ; native helpers, 192 ; whole



number of laborers connected with the missions, 620. Number of churches, 103 ; church members, 25,714 ; added during the year, 2,016. Number of seminaries, 9 ; other boarding schools, 23 ; free schools, (344 supported by Hawaiian government,) 712 ; pupils in seminaries, 487 ; boarding schools, 645 ; free schools, 21,993.

The average monthly publication of the *Missionary Herald* has been 17,500 ; *Journal of Missions*, 31,041 ; *Youth's Day-spring*, 33,796—making a total of 988,044 copies of the three publications, with an average monthly issue of 82,337 copies.

But what idea can such a brief summary as this impart of the vast work in which the Board is engaged ? and yet it is all we can here attempt to give.

Every Christian, especially every Pastor, should take the Annual Report and traverse the wide field, not as we are now compelled to do it, but deliberately and repeatedly, until he has made himself acquainted with all the varied phases of the work, and knows the field, what has been accomplished and what needs to be done—its fruits and its wants—until joy and compassion, thankfulness and hope, spring up anew in the heart, exciting to renewed and more entire devotedness, and to more earnest and believing prayer, that the earth may be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.

The Micronesian Mission, the first-born from mission churches, and the Sandwich Islands, now to be numbered among Christian nations, cannot but excite special interest in all who desire the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Mission House, Boston—Pemberton Square.

Mission Rooms, New-York—Bible House, Astor Place.

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### HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

During the past year, many of the churches, aided by this Society, have enjoyed seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, of great interest and power. The general aspect of the field is peculiarly encouraging, calling for

gratitude and praise, for stronger faith and more self-sacrificing efforts.

The number of ministers of the Gospel in the service of the Society the last year, is 1,087; 213 of whom have been appointed since the last report. They have been distributed in 27 States and Territories, viz:—Maine, 101; New Hampshire, 46; Vermont, 58; Massachusetts, 54; Rhode Island, 9; Connecticut, 15; New York, 158; New Jersey, 9; Pennsylvania, 45; Delaware, 3; District of Columbia, 1; Tennessee, 5; Kentucky, 6; Ohio, 96; Indiana, 58; Illinois, 118; Missouri, 30; Michigan, 30; Wisconsin, 83; Iowa, 55; Minnesota, 6; California, 6; Oregon, 4.

This distribution gives to the New England States, 313; Middle, 215; Southern, 12; and the Western States and Territories, 547.

Of these, 584 have been the pastors or stated supplies of single congregations; 288 have ministered to two or three congregations each; and 215 have extended their labors over still wider fields.

The number of congregations and missionary stations which have been fully supplied, or where the Gospel has been preached at stated intervals, is 2,160, while many others have enjoyed the occasional labors of the missionaries.

Ten have been in commission as pastors or stated supplies of churches of colored people; 17 have preached to Welsh; 46 to German, and others to congregations of Norwegians, Swedes, Swiss, Hollanders, and Frenchmen.

The number of Sabbath School scholars connected with the missionary churches and stations, is about 72,500.

The contributions to benevolent objects, reported by 678 missionaries, is \$27,905.

The number of hopeful conversions, reported by 426 missionaries, is 2,888. Forty-seven churches have been organized, 39 no longer need the fostering care of the Society, 54 houses of worship have been completed, 50 repaired or improved, and sixty-six are in process of erection. Eighty-nine young men, in connection with the missionary churches

are reported as in different stages of preparation for the gospel ministry.

Resources of the year, including \$9,907 15, balance from last year's account, \$181,641 39. Total of liabilities, \$185,184 01.

The office of the Society is in the Bible House, New York. The office of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society—Dr. J. S. Clark, Secretary—is in the Tremont Temple, Boston.

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### AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

The varied and extensive operations of this Society render it almost impossible to give even the faintest outline of its Annual Report in the space allotted to it in this volume. Its Home and its Foreign field, sub-divided into the Publishing, Tract Visitation and Colportage Departments, should be carefully explored under the guidance of its Twenty-eighth Annual Report, by all who desire to know what instrumentalities are employed for the proclamation of the great truths of salvation to the hundreds of thousands who are not reached by the stated ministry of the church.

The total gratuitous issues of the year amount to 72,224,841 pages, the pecuniary value of which exceeds \$48,000. During the year, 157 new publications have been stereotyped in English, German, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, and Hungarian, of which 23 are volumes ; besides which, 38 publications have been approved at foreign stations.

THE AMERICAN MESSENGER, and THE CHILD'S PAPER, small monthly newspaper sheets, the latter beautifully illustrated with engravings, may justly be regarded as among the most useful of the Society's publications. There is abundant evidence that these papers are exerting a highly salutary influence, and the amount of subscriptions received for them very nearly equals the total cost of their publication.

The number of colporteurs in commission during the year including those in the service of the American Tract Society,

Boston, and of the Maryland Branch, has been 516. Of this number, 117 were devoted chiefly to the German, French, Irish, Dutch, Welsh, Norwegian and Spanish population. The whole number of families visited was 530,758, the results of which have been truly gratifying. The number of books circulated by sale, through colportage, has been 487,700. The *gratuitous* circulation of books and tracts through the same channel, has also been very large. The colporteurs have also held or addressed 13,666 public and prayer meetings. It is believed that such labors, in humble co-operation with the ministry, are pleasing to the Head of the Church, and are productive of much good to souls. An increased number of competent men is greatly needed to meet the demands of the colporteur service.

The receipts for the year ending April 1, in donations, were \$147,374 64 ; receipts for sales, \$237,252 21 ; total resources for the year, including \$659 83 in the treasury April 1, 1852, \$385,286 68. Total expenditures, \$385,075 07.

Tract Society House, 150 Nassau street, New York.

Tract Depository, No. 28 Cornhill, Boston, and No. 11 South Sixth street, Philadelphia.

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### AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The Twenty-ninth Report of this Society opens with congratulations upon its continued prosperity, while the report itself furnishes abundant proof of its growing strength and influence, its increased means of usefulness, and its enlarged sphere of beneficent action. It has broken up much fallow ground, penetrated into many dark and desolate neighborhoods, and opened thousands of avenues for the introduction of the light of the glorious gospel. Not less than between sixty and seventy thousand children can be counted in new Sunday Schools, among the known fruits of its missionary labor the past year. With this must be connected the addition of ten or twelve thousand persons to the teaching power of the country ; the ad-

dition of half a million of volumes of unexceptional reading books, chiefly for the young, to the stock before accumulated, and the circulation of many millions of volumes of such books. And beyond all this, in order to measure the results of the Society's operations for the year, it would be necessary to estimate the diffusion of useful knowledge among the families represented in our Sunday Schools—the wide and deep moral and religious influences set in motion, or expanded and accelerated by its agents, and the silent but active power of a visible organized union of Christians, of various sects, for a purpose so closely connected with the propagation of the common faith. Yet all these are only spring-heads of influence which can be traced in their silent streams and eternal fruits, only by the eye of Omniscience.

The amount of contributions to the Society's means of sustaining merely its missionary service during the year, was \$60,434 25. Number of missionaries, for various periods of service, 157. New schools opened, 1,704; visited and revived, 2,398. Value of books disposed of by sale, \$32,740; and by donation, \$6,153 81.

Depositories of the Society, No. 316 Chestnut street, Philadelphia; No. 147 Nassau street, New-York; No. 9 Cornhill, Boston; No. 103 Fourth street, Louisville; No. 80 Chestnut street, St. Louis.



#### AMERICAN AND FOREIGN CHRISTIAN UNION.

The Fourth Annual Report of this Society should be read by every pastor, and every christian throughout our land. It gives a bird's-eye view of the Protestant and Papal world—of the great contest which is fairly begun between Spiritualism and Formalism—the christianity of the Bible, and the christianity of Tradition;—of the aggressions of the latter, and the signs of hope for the former,—well calculated to arouse every lover of Truth, of our country, and of Man, to effort and to prayer. This

Society has a great work to accomplish, and both demands and deserves a far more general and liberal support than it has yet received.

Its receipts during the year ending April 1st, were \$67,597 11, being an advance on the preceding year of more than \$11,000. The expenditures were \$65,742. The number of missionaries, agents, and other laborers in the service of the Society, at home and abroad, was 118, being eight more than were employed in the year preceding.

"The Home Field" increases in extent and importance with each succeeding year. The missionaries employed have been lay and clerical, and chiefly of foreign birth. The languages in which they have preached the gospel are the English, Irish, German, French, Italian, and Spanish. Their stations are in different and widely-separated parts of the country.

Of the congregations collected by the Board, or under its patronage, five have become self-supporting, and others are attaining to such numbers and strength as will soon render the aid of this Society unnecessary.

The Report of the operations of the Society in the Foreign Field, is full of interest. It embraces Canada, Hayti, Chili, Brazil, and New Grenada, in the New World ;—and in the Old World, Sweden, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, and Ireland. From any of these pages interesting extracts might be given, but our space forbids enlargement. Let the Monthly Magazine of the Society be read, which is published, not as a source of pecuniary profit, but to diffuse information upon all topics involved in the design and operations of the Society. It has already attained to a circulation of 13,000 but should be increased to 100,000 monthly. The special co-operation of all friends of the cause is earnestly solicited in extending its circulation.

Communications relating to the Foreign Department should be addressed to Rev. R. Baird, D. D. ; those which relate to the Home Department, to Rev. E. R. Fairchild, D. D. ; and orders for books, Magazine, &c., and remittances, to Edward

Vernon, Esq., General Agent and Assistant Treasurer, Society's office, 17 Beekman Street, New York.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF COLLEGIATE AND  
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AT THE WEST,

*Was organized in the City of New York, 1843,*

“To afford assistance to Collegiate and Theological Institutions at the West, in such manner, and so long only as in the judgment of the Directors of the Society the exigencies of the Institutions may demand.”

The Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-four individuals, is composed in equal numbers of Congregationalists and Presbyterians. Average annual receipts, including sums contributed to particular Institutions for the purpose of endowment, \$23,724; a much larger amount in addition is raised by the different Institutions at the West.

Institutions aided :—(1) Western Reserve College; (2) Lane Theological Seminary; (3) Marietta College; (4) Wabash College; (5) Illinois College; (6) Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio; (7) Knox College, Ill.; (8) Beloit College, Wis.; (9) Iowa College, Davenport, Iowa; (10) Seminary of the German Evangelical Conference of the West, Missouri; (11) Collegiate Department of Tualatin Academy, Oregon; (12) a conditional pledge of aid given to Heidelberg College, Ohio.

Western Reserve College and Lane Theological Seminary, have ceased to need the aid of the Society. Some \$3,000 each, applied to Marietta and Wittenberg Colleges, in addition to what has already been done for them, would be sufficient to bring them to a similar point.

*Western testimony to the usefulness of the Society.*

“The relief furnished by the Society was of inestimable importance to this Institution. It has done, and is doing, a similar work for many of our Western Colleges. Its name will

go down to posterity as among the most important agencies which have given permanence and power to the Institutions of learning destined most richly to bless this Western World.”—*Prof. ALLEN, of Lane Seminary.*

“Our highest hopes are centered in Wabash College, as the fountain from whence streams shall flow that shall gladden the churches of our God. It has received essential aid every year, for the last seven years, from the Eastern Society for the aid of Western Colleges. WITHOUT THIS AID, THE COLLEGE WOULD HAVE BEEN RUINED.”—*Synod of Wabash, 1851.*

Had it not been for the timely aid of the Society, this College must have been at this time HOPELESSLY INSOLVENT.”—*Treasurer of Illinois College, 1848.*

“The few thousand dollars bestowed during the last ten years upon Marietta College, through the instrumentality of the Society, has saved it to the Church.”—*Pres. SMITH, of Marietta College, 1853.*

Revivals of religion in the Institutions aided, have been frequent and powerful. Hopeful conversions in collegiate and preparatory departments, probably not less than 700.

From one-fourth to one-half of all who enter the ministry from Western Institutions, are believed to be the subjects of College revivals.

President, Hon. J. C. Hornblower, LL. D., Newark, N. J.; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Theron Baldwin; Treasurer, Moses H. Baldwin, Esq. Office of the Society 80 Wall Street, New York.

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#### AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

The peculiarities of this Society are thus given in Art. 3 and 9 of its Constitution :—“Any person of evangelical sentiments, who professes faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, who is not a slaveholder, or in the practice of other immoralities, and who contributes to the funds, may become a member of the Society; and by the payment of thirty dollars at any one time, may become a life member.”



"This Society, in collecting funds, in appointing officers, agents and missionaries, and in selecting fields of labor and conducting the missionary work, will endeavor particularly to discountenance slavery by refusing to receive the known fruits of unrequited labor, or to welcome to its employment those who hold their fellow beings as slaves."

The contributions to the Association have increased from \$30,726 last year, to \$42,496. The number of life members last year was 653; the number added since is 211. It has 6 foreign missions; 16 stations and out-stations; 18 ordained missionaries, of whom 3 are physicians; 17 male assistants, of whom 2 are physicians; 37 female assistants; 72 laborers, and 13 churches.

In its home operations, 52 are aided directly from the Society, 22 through the Western Home and Foreign Missionary Association,\* 16 through the North-Western Home Miss. Society,† 4 in Canada, and 3 colporteurs in Kentucky. Whole number of missionary laborers under the care of the Association, 169; being an increase of 29 over last year.

The AMERICAN MISSIONARY, the monthly paper, has a circulation of sixteen thousand, and gives intelligence from the missions, and information concerning the principles of the Association.

Since the Annual Report has been issued, a mission to the Copts in Egypt has been decided upon, and one missionary is already appointed.

Recent intelligence from Home missionaries show that several revivals are in progress. The Temperance and the Anti-Slavery influence is increasing at the West, and in parts of the

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\* This Society will devote its energies to the prosecution of the work of Home Missions in West. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Southern Illinois; and in those States will commission missionaries, employ agents, and collect funds, and will pay over to the treasury of the parent Society any surplus of funds it may receive beyond the supply of its own wants in the home field. Its receipts for the past year were \$2,863. Number of missionaries, 27.

† The N. W. H. M. Association, (Rev. E. Goodman, Chicago, Cor. Sec.) has also become auxiliary to the A. M. Association, and will prosecute its work in the N. W. States and Territories. Its receipts for the year were \$2,209. Number of Home Missionaries aided by it, 16.

South. The churches (Anti-Slavery) in Kentucky and North Carolina, excite much interest there, and among Christians at the North who read the reports from the Society's missionaries. A very general movement is making among the mission churches to build houses of public worship.

Corresponding Sec'y for For. Department—Rev. Geo. Whipple.

“ “ Home “ Rev. S. S. Jocelyn.

Treasurer—Lewis Tappan, Esq.

Office, No. 48 Beekman street.

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#### AMERICAN AND FOREIGN ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY.

The last Annual Report contains, in addition to the doings of the Executive Committee, an outline of what has been done the past year in this country and abroad, with reference to Slavery and the Slave-trade, by their friends and enemies. This fact—that it is “an annual history,” while it enhances its value to “lecturers, editors, ministers, legislators, missionaries and anti-slavery writers”—renders it impossible to present an abstract of it in the space allotted to these notices.

The annual meeting of the Society was held in the Broadway Tabernacle on Wednesday evening, May 11—Arthur Tappan, Esq., President, in the Chair.

Mr. Frederick Douglas held the large audience in fixed and delighted attention by an address of great interest and eloquence, in the course of which he introduced the following estimate of the numbers and localities of the colored race from one of the reports of the British and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society :—

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| United States, - - -  | 3,650,000 | South Amer. Republics, 1,130,000 |
| Brazil, - - - - -     | 4,050,000 | British Colonies, - - - 750,000  |
| Spanish Colonies, - - | 1,470,000 | Hayti, - - - - - 850,000         |
| French Colonies, - -  | 270,000   | Mexico, - - - - - 70,000         |
| Dutch Colonies, - - - | 50,000    | Canada, - - - - - 35,000         |
| Danish Colonies, - -  | 45,000    |                                  |
| Total, - - - - -      |           | 12,370,000                       |

Thus there are already on this Continent, and in the adjacent islands, 12,370,000 negroes, who only wait for the life-giving and organizing power of intelligence to mould them into one body, and into a powerful nation. That so vast a people are tending to one point on this Continent, is not without significance. Let the colored man and the friends of the slave have faith, if not in the wisdom and justice of the country, in the wisdom and justice and benevolence of God. Slavery is against nature, against progress, against improvement, and against the government of God. It cannot stand.

Corresponding Secretary—Lewis Tappan.

Recording Secretary—James McCune Smith.

Treasurer—William E. Whiting.

Office of the Society, No. 48 Beekman street.



### AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY.

The Twenty-sixth Annual Report of this Society, at the close of 1852, enumerated seven expeditions, conveying 666 emigrants to Africa during the year. Of these, 403 were freeborn, 225 were emancipated for the purpose of emigration, and 38 were self-redcemed. They were destined, about 400 for the St. Paul's River, Mesurado county, and 100 each for Sinou county and Bassa county.

Since the Anniversary in May, 1852, six expeditions have been fitted out for Liberia by the present Society, aided by the New-York State Colonization Society, conveying 718 emigrants, a larger number than have been aided in any one year for twenty years.

The receipts of the National Society, from regular sources were over \$53,000.

The Treasurer's Report of the New-York State Society, exhibits a decided increase in the permanent sources of income over the previous year, viz :—

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| Receipts in office, - - - - -                | \$3,044 00  |
| Special receipts for Daniel Deans, - - - - - | 1,651 00    |
| Church collections, - - - - -                | 4,235 67    |
| Agencies, - - - - -                          | 7,779 78    |
| Total, - - - - -                             | \$16,710 45 |

The monthly publications, viz :—The Colonist, by the Virginia Society ; the African Repository, by the A. C. Society ; the Maryland Colonization Journal ; the Colonization Herald, of Philadelphia ; and the New-York State Colonization Journal, have been regularly issued, spreading abroad much interesting information, dispelling prejudices, and securing many friends ; the result of which is manifest in the growing favor of the cause throughout the land.

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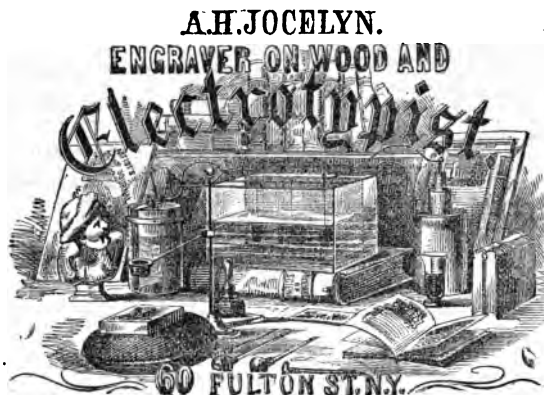
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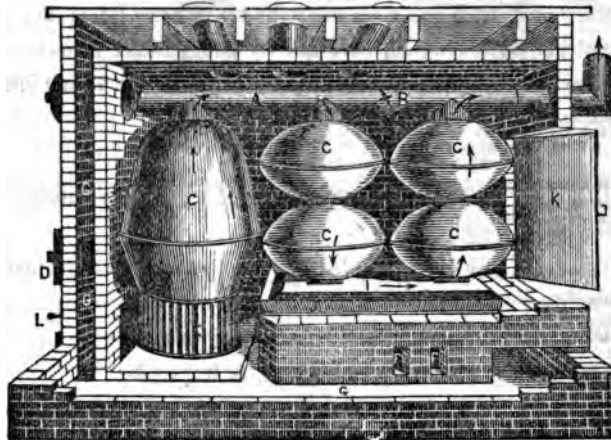
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